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Select Board receives MBTA updates

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

The Select Board received updates on two items related to the MBTA during their meeting on Monday, April 22 from State Representative Dave Robertson and Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich.

The board first asked about the HLC zoning requirements placed on towns determined to be "MTBA communities" and what the town should expect if the zoning proposal is not approved at Town Meeting.

Robertson firstly stated his personal recommendation not to refuse meeting the HLC guidelines. He described that the governor seems to be serious about enforcing the guidelines, and that non-compliance will put various MassWorks grants and Mass Housing funding sources at risk.

"If Wilmington voters reject this, we'll try to fight for funding, but it makes our jobs difficult," he continued.

Chair Gary DePalma then asked what the benefits to the town may be in approving the zoning proposed at Town Meeting.

Robertson said the purpose of the guideline is to unfreeze and unclog the housing market in this area. He referenced that the cost of living quarters has increased nine percent in the last year, 40 percent in the last five years, and even more over the past ten years.

This had caused young people to move out of state and kept older people from being able to downsize, he added.

Lilia Maselli commented that the town would lose grants and possibly be sued if the zoning proposal is rejected. She also

suggested the town may later be forced to comply even if we don't approve the creation of the zone this year.

Robertson responded saying that the biggest impact would be the funding sources for the town, but it seemed like the attorney general was willing to extend their boundaries.

Robertson also clarified that the zoning requirement is not a mandate to build new units. Gingrich later explained the requirement is a zoning exercise, and there is no requirement to build.

Another point Robert-

son made was that the new zoning allows the town more protections than a regular 40B development. This is because, according to Gingrich, the Planning Board will review the proposal and be able to place certain stipulations and reasonable conditions on their approval.

Robertson also referenced a proposed amendment to the guidelines proposed by a North Reading representative, to which he himself may try to add.

Gingrich reminded the board that the proposed zone includes some of the

town's existing 40B developments, such as Metro, but it doesn't include Princeton Properties. This decision was made by considering resident feedback received via survey, wherein the Main Street area was supported as part of the zone over the North Wilmington area.

She also shared that to include Princeton Properties would have also brought in a large residential area, and the surrounding land has environmental limitations including uplands. They

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DPW director provides Lowell Street fields update

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington Public Works Director Jamie Magaldi provided an update for the Select Board during their April 22 meeting on the Lowell Street fields. Magaldi also brought Ian Lacy, a representative of Tom Irwin Advisor's, Inc., the town's consultant group for fields.

Magaldi provided that these fields may also be referred to as the Dann Sullivan memorial fields, former Textron fields, or former Avco fields. He explained that the fields were dedicated to Dann Sullivan, a former Textron facilities manager who passed away in 2011.

The fields are part of a 99-year lease for recreational use that the town entered into this year, and the town is permitted to perform certain improvements pending the notification or permission of the owner.

He then described the efforts made as part of a preliminary feasibility study paid for by grant funds, including but not limited to soil testing, interviews, and formation of short-term and long-term goals for the property.

This enabled them to create a baseline of the facilities at this site. Magaldi shared that the site totals about five acres, four of which are made up of fields and one of which is made up of two parking lots and an

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Despite good offense, WHS girls lacrosse falls to Methuen

Wilmington's Leah Murphy moves the ball down the field as she is defended by Methuen's Grace Ricupero.

(James Thomas Photography)

New owner, new name for Tremezzo Pizzeria

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At the Select Board meeting on Monday April 22, the board approved licenses and other requests, agreed upon motions, and made at Town Meeting, and received public comment.

Their first request was relative to a common victualer license for the property at 296 Shawsheen Ave. Chair Gary DePalma confirmed with the applicant that they would be purchasing Tremezzo Pizzeria, and they agreed. The only proposed changes to be made would be the name of the business.

The board agreed upon the proposed assignments of various motions to be made by respective members at the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 4.

Communications were received from the temporary town manager, residents, and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Temporary Town Manager Lou Cimaglia wrote to the board explaining that it was time to adjust the non-union personnel Cost of Living Adjustment, which he stated would affect him once he returns to the Veterans' Services office.

In that regard, he also sent the board an employee financial interest disclosure form at the recommendation of town counsel to allow him to move forward with the required action, because otherwise there would be a conflict of interest.

Greg Bendel said that he had no reason to believe that Cimaglia wouldn't put the best interest of the town first, and

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Town election takes place this Saturday

By **CASEY STEVENSON**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The annual Wilmington town election is right around the corner, with the vote happening this Saturday, concluding a months long campaign journey for all prospective candidates.

The event will be held on April 27, 2024 from 8 a.m. from 8 p.m. at various precinct locations.

According to the sample ballot available on the Wilmington website, the candidates are as follows:

Lilia Maselli will be running unopposed for reelection as a Select Board member. The term will last for three years.

Jonathan Richard Eaton is also running unopposed for reelection for another three-year

term as Town Moderator.

For the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Committee, Charles R. Fiore Jr. runs unopposed for another three-year term.

And finally, incumbent David Ragsdale and newcomer Nicholas Golden run for the Wilmington School Committee. There are two seats open, each serving three-year terms.

In person early voting was available from April 16 through April 24, and the last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in this upcoming election was April 17.

Voting will take place at the Boutwell School, Wilmington High School, and Town Hall. Voters will cast their ballots based on precinct. Precincts

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Wilmington Library News:

May the 4th Star Wars trivia on Wednesday, May 1

The Poetry Contest submission deadline is Tuesday, April 30.

The Library Card Design Contest submission deadline is Tuesday, May 7.

Adult Programs

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, April 29, 6 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group meets every Monday in the cozy seating area of the first floor of the library.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, April 30, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1, 2 p.m.
Saturday, May 4, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Managing Your Money to Build Your Best Life

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.
Want to take control of your money but aren't sure where to start? Join us to learn how to build a budget, manage your spending, and save for the future. Presented by Alia Georges with the Babson Financial Literacy Project.

Pints + Pages

Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m.
This group meets on the first Thursday of every other month. The book discussion will be hosted by librarians from the Wilmington and Tewksbury Public Libraries. Meeting location rotates between Wilmington, MA and Tewksbury, MA and surrounding towns. This meeting will discuss *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. Meeting location to be determined.

Needleworkers

Friday, May 3, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

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Fiction Critique Group

Saturday, May 4, 9:15 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie.



▲ May the 4th be with you! Join Youth Services Librarian Nicole for another round of Star Wars trivia on Wednesday, May 1 at 6 p.m. This program is designed for groups of 2-6 people, but individuals are also welcome! (Courtesy photo)

Drop-in.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, April 29, 10 a.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Join CTI for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Steam Team

Monday, April 29, 6 p.m.
Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program! This month's project is Save the Peeps! Build a raft to help them float. Grades K-5

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, April 30, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Time for Twos

Wednesday, May 1, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Bilingual Story Hour

Wednesday, May 1, 3 p.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Practice using your home language with us! Our staff will be here with an interpreter speaking Haitian Creole. At our playgroup we will work on Early Literacy skills and more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6 and their caregivers

Girls Who Code

Wednesday, May 1, 6 p.m.
Girls Who Code is an organization that aims to close the gender gap in STEM fields by teaching

girls to code. Over the twelve weeks you'll learn about coding, women in the STEM fields, and work together to code your own project. Grades 3-5

May the 4th Star Wars Trivia

Wednesday, May 1, 6 p.m.
May the 4th be with you! Join Youth Services Librarian, Nicole, for another round of Star Wars Trivia! All ages — recommended for groups of 2-6 people, but individuals are welcome!

Baby Time

Thursday, May 2, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Plushie Playgroup

Thursday, May 2, 4 p.m.
Does your child's plushie need a friend? In this program, children will bring in their favorite plushies and have them play with others. It's a chance for your child to make friends and for their plushies as well! Bring your own plushies and give them an afternoon to remember!

Ages 3+, siblings welcome

Drop-in Storytime

Friday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.
Join us at our Drop-In Storytimes! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 2-6

LEGO Building

Friday, May 3, 4 p.m.
Build with LEGOs at the same time as other LEGO fans and display what you make in the library! Grades K-5

May the 4th Star Wars Drop-in Activities

Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.
May the 4th be with you! Drop by the library anytime on Saturday, May 4 to enjoy Star Wars activities like puzzles, crafts, and a photo backdrop! Supplies will remain in the Children's Room through Monday, 5/6, while supplies last. All ages

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door — Winter Hours
The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmingtonlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois



Taxpayers can avoid processing delays and refund adjustments following these tips

File electronically: Filing electronically through IRS Free File or other e-file service provider helps reduce math errors and identifies potential tax credits or deductions the taxpayer may be eligible to claim. Filing electronically and choosing direct deposit is a fast and secure way for taxpayers to receive a refund.

Report all taxable income: Most income is taxable. Underreporting income may lead to penalties and interest. Income may include unemployment income, interest received and income from the gig economy, service industry and digital assets. Publication 525, Taxable and Nontaxable Income, has more information.

Request an extension, if needed: Taxpayers can request an extension by paying all or part of their estimated income tax due and indicating that the payment is for an extension. They can do this using Direct Pay, the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, or a debit or credit card or digital wallet. This way taxpayers don't have to file a separate extension form and will receive a confirmation number for their records.

Mail paper returns to the right address: Taxpayers and tax professionals are encouraged to file electronically if possible. Those who need to file a paper tax return should confirm the correct address of where to file on IRS.gov or on Form 1040 instructions to avoid processing delays.

Keep a copy of the tax return: When ready to file, taxpayers should make a copy of their signed return and any schedules for their records. Generally, taxpayers must keep their records that support an item of income, deduction or credit shown on their tax return until the period of limitations for that tax return ends.

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WPS offering summer enrichment courses

WILMINGTON — Is your child looking for opportunities to learn and grow this summer? Wilmington Public Schools is offering 14 exciting summer enrichment courses for grades 1-12. Courses include Intro-

duction to FTC Robotics, Experienced FTC Robotics, Robotics Programming, Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Elementary STEM Exploration, Python Programming, High School Drama Workshop, Middle School Drama

Workshop, Elementary School Drama Workshop, Introduction to BBQ & Grilling (BBQ Ribs) Introduction to BBQ & Grilling (BBQ Chicken), Music & Movement, & Music & Drumming. To learn more about the

program & register for children, please visit https://www.wpsk12.com/news/what_s_new/w_p_s_summer_2024_enrichment. You can also reach out to Matt Hackett or Mike Jones at Wilmington High School with any questions.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

Through Fire and Oak, Episode 1 (new podcast!)

In the inaugural episode of Through Fire and Oak, learn all about host Erica and Sean Marchant's first year in business, how they started Code 1 Barbecue and built it from a tiny bark-yard venture into a full-blown brick and mortar restaurant.

On the Mat: "Senior Assassination" (new podcast, special episode!)

On the Mat hosts, Braedon Almas and Jacob Doherty are joined by WCTV Executive Director Sam Perkins to discuss the ongoing "Senior Assassination" Contest at Wilmington High School. The boys talk about rules and regulations for the contest, their sleeper picks to win it and surprise eliminations and Sam just flames everyone!

*These programs can be

viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

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Shawsheen Valley Technical school librarian McGinness honored with President's Award by MSLA

NATICK — Katie McGinness, Librarian at Shawsheen Valley Technical School, has been recognized with the President's Award by The Massachusetts School Library Association (MSLA). Barbara Fecteau, MSLA President, presented the award to McGinness during the association's annual conference on March 17.

The President's Award celebrates exceptional school librarians who have demonstrated a remarkable impact on student learning early in their careers. Presented to an MSLA member epitomizing the spirit of a "rising star," recipients exhibit outstanding commitment to enhancing student learning through excellent school library programs. Their dedication spans various domains including inquiry, inclusion, collaboration, curation, exploration, and engagement.

McGinness was selected for this honor following an evaluation process by the MSLA awards subcommittee, who compared her nomination against the award's criteria and other nominations. Subsequently, a recommendation was made to the MSLA Executive Board to award Ms. Katie McGinness with the award.

McGinness's creative initiatives and dedication to modernizing the library's physical collection have transformed the library at Shawsheen Valley Technical School, distinguishing her as this year's "rising star." Notably, her literacy program "Walk a Mile In Someone Else's Shoes Reading Challenge" has become a cornerstone of inclusivity, inspiring students to explore literature from diverse perspectives.

Through this initiative, students have been encouraged to engage with a wide range of narratives, fostering empathy, understanding, and a love for reading. McGinness's thoughtful curation and inclusive approach to this activity, has garnered widespread community support for the program. Additionally, in collaboration with Shawsheen's English department, McGinness pioneered a "Book Tasting" program, offering students a modern and engaging way to discover new genres. This activity empowered students to explore independent reading material tailored to their interests after sampling an array of books.

To further enhance Shawsheen's library offerings, McGinness introduced the Sora Reading App, which provides students and staff with access to a vast collection of eBooks and audiobooks from multiple libraries. This integration has not only expanded student access to educational resources, but also supports personalized learning experiences.

Furthermore, McGinness's commitment to meeting the diverse needs of students was exemplified through her establishment of the Multilingual /International Library at Shawsheen. By creating a dedicated space and incorporating resources tailored to English Language Learners (ELL), McGinness has provided equitable access to reading material for all students.

Katie McGinness's receipt of the President's Award underscores her outstanding contributions to advancing student learning in her role as librarian at Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. This award emphasizes the essential role of school libraries in fostering academic excellence and cultivating a lifelong passion for reading among students.

Healey-Driscoll Admin. celebrates winning \$156M in EPA's Solar for All competition

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration celebrated its selection by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to receive \$156 million in funding under the Solar for All competition, a \$7 billion program that is part of the Inflation Reduction Act's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

A coalition led by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and including the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), MassHousing, and Boston Housing Authority, submitted the state's application to the Solar for All competition. Massachusetts, qualifying as a Medium Program, received one of the largest state awards and the largest award in New England.

"The Inflation Reduction Act is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to fund state climate action, and Massachusetts is leading the pack once again," said Governor Maura Healey. "We've adopted a strategy that combines housing affordability and climate policy, supporting our residents in accessing the important cost and health benefits that come with solar energy. We're grateful to the Biden-Harris Administration and our federal delegation for this investment in Massachusetts' climate leadership."

"The Solar for All application is Team Massachusetts in action," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Instead of dozens of small applications coming from our state competing against each other, we worked with over 80 stakeholders and communities to put forward a single strong application. That's the power of partnership in a high-stakes federal

competition."

Massachusetts' Solar for All program expects to deploy 125 megawatts of solar capacity, provide a 20 percent reduction in energy costs to more than 31,000 low-income and disadvantaged households, support 2,800 clean energy jobs, and decrease annual carbon emissions by 70,500 tons. Massachusetts anticipates this funding will mobilize an estimated \$286 million in other private capital. The Solar for All program will be available to all Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities across Massachusetts to maximize program participation and impact in historically underserved communities.

"Climate change presents us with an opportunity to do things differently — with Solar for All, the people most deeply impacted by extreme weather and pollution will be at the front of the line for clean, affordable, locally-produced energy," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "Residents will be able to look around their communities and see tangible benefits of the clean energy transition thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act — solar panels on roofs, local workers with good-paying jobs, and cleaner air for us all to breathe."

"Our comprehensive approach to climate action helped us secure this grant and will help us implement it," said Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer. "This application was a strategic collaboration between energy and housing agencies, and now our low-income residents will reap the benefits of affordable solar energy. Our Solar for All program will

build on other initiatives like the Massachusetts Community Climate Bank to leverage public and private funds to promote housing affordability and clean energy."

"Our team is thrilled to receive \$156 million to power the future of solar in Massachusetts," said Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony, who will oversee the program. "Massachusetts has been a national leader in deploying solar, and this investment will take our programming to the next level. We are ready to put these funds to work, setting up solar on affordable homes and training up the workforce who will make it happen."

"This Solar for All award is an important part of our whole-of-government effort to bring home federal funding to Massachusetts that advances our climate goals, while addressing equity and creating good paying jobs for a clean energy future," said Director of Federal Funds and Infrastructure Quentin Palfrey. "Thank you to President Biden, Administrator Regan, and the Massachusetts congressional delegation for making possible this exciting award. We look forward to continuing partnerships across state agencies and with our local communities to secure these impactful federal dollars for Massachusetts."

"This incredibly exciting win for the Commonwealth will bring solar power to low-income households, lowering energy costs for residents and supporting good-paying jobs across Massachusetts," said Massachusetts Clean Energy Center CEO Dr. Emily Reichert. "The Biden-Harris Administration's historic investments through

the Inflation Reduction Act are accelerating our goals to expand access to affordable clean energy and build an equitable workforce to implement that transformation."

The Massachusetts Solar for All program will make solar PV more accessible for small residential and multifamily homes and expand access to community solar. Planned components of the program include a residential zero-interest loan initiative, a residential lease initiative, a public affordable housing procurement initiative, a private affordable housing financing initiative, and a low-income community shared solar initiative. Massachusetts' Solar for All program will also include funding for technical assistance, education, outreach, quality assurance, and workforce training.

Massachusetts' Solar for All program initiatives are designed to meet the needs of LIDC stakeholders. Each initiative will be supported by existing financial incentives, innovative financial products, a solar-friendly regulatory

environment, technical assistance, workforce development, and community engagement activities.

"Today we're delivering on President Biden's promise that no community is left behind by investing \$7 billion in solar energy projects for over 900,000 households in low-income and disadvantaged communities," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "The selectees will advance solar energy initiatives across the country, creating hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs, saving \$8 billion in energy costs for families, delivering cleaner air, and combating climate change."

"Solar is the cheapest form of electricity — and one of the best ways to lower energy costs for American families," said John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the President for International Climate Policy. "Today's announcement of EPA's Solar for All awards will mean that low-income communities, and not just well-off communities, will feel the cost-saving benefits of solar thanks to this investment."

The state's application was a collaboration between energy and housing agencies, highlighting the Healey-Driscoll Administration's whole-of-government approach to address climate change. The Solar for All will combine the state's solar energy and building decarbonization expertise at DOER and MassCEC with the housing finance and development expertise of Mass Housing and Boston Housing Authority. In addition, the collaboration leverages the state's creation of the Massachusetts Community Climate Bank in June 2023.

The program was developed through extensive consultation with communities, including dozens of meetings with key stakeholders from solar industry, environmental justice, labor, and community development groups. More than 80 stakeholder organizations provided letters of support for Massachusetts' Program, including the Massachusetts Building Trades Union and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Four students named to Dean's List at Simmons

BOSTON — The following local residents were named to the 2023 fall semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

• Madelyn Caliendo,

Tewksbury
• Sarah Chawkat,
Tewksbury
• Liann Gregory,
Tewksbury
• Michelle Hinkle,
Tewksbury

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Upcoming local events

April 25-27, The Addams Family, presented by the TMHS Theater Company. Shows are April 25 - 7 p.m., April 26 - 7 p.m., April 27 - 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 at showtix4u.com.

April 26-28, Art in Bloom, Tewksbury Public Library hosts the Garden Club, Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. Free over 30 interpretations of books and artwork by Piecemakers, Tewksbury Garden Club, TMHS Art Students, Tewksbury Historical Society, and more. Tewksburypl.org

April 27 at 7:30 p.m. and April 28 at 4 p.m., Ipswich River Chorus, Seasons Concert, Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading. IRCC children's choir will also be performing a few fun pieces. Tickets (adults \$20, age 6-18 \$15, ages 5 and under free) available at ipswich-river-community-chorus.ticketleap.com or ipswichrivercommunitychorus.org

April 27, Tewksbury Police Department Drug Take Back Day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Place pills in a ziploc bag, remove from original containers. Liquids can remain in original container. No sharps. Call 978-640-4380 for more details.

May 4, annual Spring Town Clean Up, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pick up bags at town hall. Special services: Paper Shredding/Electronics Recycling/Tire Collection at DPW 9 a.m. - noon, Food Pantry Donation/Clothing Donation/MSPCA Donation all at DPW 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Community Service Hours available. Email: clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com with questions. Flyer on town website.

May 6, Annual Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School. View the warrant at www.tewksbury-ma.gov

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May 8, Special Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School. View the warrant at www.tewksbury-ma.gov Click View All News.

May 11, Power of Flowers Project Bloom Festival 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Grow Greenhouses, 1 Greenhouse Road, Tewksbury. Purchase a wide variety of annuals, perennials, locally created artisan goods, garden novelty items, and other unique gifts. Take a chance to win a \$250 Gift Card to Mahoney's Garden Centers. For more information visit pofproject.org

May 11, Friends of the Library Book Donation event, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bring your gently used books for resale to benefit the Friends. No encyclopedias, dictionaries, or textbooks please. No moldy items.

May 15, Dine Out at Mac's Dairy Farm to benefit the Friends of the Library. Mention the Friends all day.

May 18, Tewksbury Garden Club Plant Sale, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., on the grounds of the Tewksbury Public Library.

May 18, Tewksbury/Billerica Rabies clinic, Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury. Cats in carriers. Dogs on 6 ft leash. No retractable leashes. Proof of prior vaccine. Free microchipping. 1 and 3 year vaccine \$25 administered by Shawsheen Animal Hospital. For info call 978-215-9639.

May 22, Learn about the Lions Club, TJ Callahan's, 7 p.m.

June 8, 2024, Tewksbury Historical Society Annual Meeting, 1 p.m. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main St.

Households in need encouraged to apply to Good Neighbor Energy Fund

CANTON — With an end to the moratorium on home energy shut-offs for customers of investor-owned utilities not on protected status, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund's sponsoring energy companies are encouraging those in need to apply for assistance to the Fund as soon as possible by visiting their local Salvation Army Corps Community Center. If unsure of where the nearest Community Center is located, please visit magoodneighbor.org.

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is often the last resort for families who are in temporary financial difficulty and do not qualify for federal and state fuel assistance programs such as LIHEAP. The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division, which administers the Fund, pays the energy provider directly for households whose gross

income falls between 60 and 80 percent of the state's median income levels.

For example, a household size of four would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$87,294 and \$116,392 to qualify. This campaign year's Fund disbursement is \$400 per eligible household per heating season.

"We saw a steady increase in requests for energy assistance as the end of the moratorium on energy shut-offs approached and that urgency of need continues," said Marie McCabe, Chairperson of the 2024 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Customer Service Representative for North Attleborough Electric Department. "Households who are having trouble making ends meet due to the high prices for essentials like food, rent and utilities

or another crisis shouldn't hesitate to look to the Fund as a potential source for help."

The Fund's 39th annual "Give the Gift of Warmth" campaign is a cooperative effort between the Fund's 18 sponsoring energy companies, the general public and the corporate community to raise \$500,000 and help an anticipated 1,500 households. The campaign relies on the generosity of individuals, families, local corporations and foundations for support and has raised more than \$24.5 million and assisted over 94,850 households since its inception in 1985.

Massachusetts residents and businesses that wish to donate to the Fund are encouraged to use the green Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found as an insert in monthly energy bills or scan the QR code found on the envelope.

Some energy companies offer an 'add a dollar' program which allows customers to contribute on their monthly bill payment by one dollar or more. Anyone can also donate with a credit card online or simply mail a check payable to "Good Neighbor Energy Fund," c/o The Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, Massachusetts 02021-1408. Participating energy companies support their respective customers' generosity through various giving programs.

For more information on how to apply for the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, visit your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center or call 800-334-3047 if you live in area codes 508, 617, 774, 781 or 978 or 800-262-1320 if you live in area code 413. For more general information on the Fund, please visit magoodneighbor.org.

Finegold reappointed to Economic Development Planning Council

BOSTON — Recently, State Senator Barry R. Finegold (D-Andover) gratefully accepted Senate President Karen Spilka's reappointment to Governor Healey's Economic Development Planning Council. Members of the Council provide input on and oversight of a four-year economic development plan.

"Charting a robust and inclusive path for economic development in Massachusetts requires a

willingness to listen and expertise in what our businesses need — both of which Sen. Finegold has in spades," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. "I am grateful for his service to the Council, and his steadfast commitment to creating a Commonwealth where families and businesses alike can envision a thriving future."

To ensure a variety of perspectives and experiences, the Council in-

cludes appointees of the House, Senate, relevant Executive Secretariats, municipal leaders, small business owners and entrepreneurs, leaders from key business sectors and higher education.

"I am grateful to have been reappointed to the Economic Development Planning Council by Senate President Karen Spilka, who is a tireless leader and advocate for citizens of the Commonwealth. I look forward to continuing

my partnership with Secretary of Economic Development, Yvonne Hao, on this Council and beyond," said Sen. Finegold.

State Senator Barry Finegold represents Andover, Amesbury, Haverhill, Merrimac, North Andover, Tewksbury, and Wilmington. Senator Finegold chairs the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. For more information, visit barryfinegold.com

Call for walkers:

Register for the 36th annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

BOSTON — Registration is now open for the 2024 Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 6, funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Due to ongoing construction in Copley Square, the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line location has been moved to the Boston Common for 2024.

One Walk, Four Distances, For All Cancers

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon® course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options:

- 5K Walk (from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Longwood Medical Campus)
- 10K Walk (from Newton)
- Half Marathon Walk (from Wellesley)
- Marathon Walk (from Hopkinton)

Whatever route walkers choose, participants will be treated to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course. Poster-sized

photographs of patients — Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes — are displayed along the course as inspiration. Walkers can participate virtually, as well.

All routes will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric at Boston Common, by the corner of Charles and Beacon Street. The finish line will include a celebration with food, entertainment, and more. Public transportation is encouraged.

The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$176 million for Dana-Farber in its 35-year history, raising a record-breaking \$9.4 million in 2023. Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor for more than 20 years.

Register as an individual walker, team member, or start a team! Take advantage of this unique opportunity and lead a group of your family, friends, or col-

leagues to the finish line. The Jimmy Fund can help you start a team, grow your fundraising, and defy cancer, together.

Volunteers are needed to cheer on participants, serve snacks, distribute T-shirts, and more, at the four start locations, along the course, and at the 2024 Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric, located in the Boston Common.

The Jimmy Fund Walk would not be possible without the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who donate their time, talent, and energy. Register to volunteer today!

To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the pro-

mo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

About the Jimmy Fund

The Jimmy Fund is comprised of community-based fundraising events and other programs that, solely and directly, benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's lifesaving mission to provide compassionate patient care and groundbreaking cancer research for children and adults. The Jimmy Fund is an official charity of the Boston Red Sox, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Pan-Mass Challenge, and the Variety Children's Charity of New England.

Since 1948, the generosity of millions of people has

helped the Jimmy Fund save countless lives and reduce the burden of cancer for patients and families worldwide. Follow the Jimmy Fund on Facebook, X, and Instagram: @TheJimmyFund.

About Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is one of the world's leading centers of cancer research and treatment. Dana-Farber's mission is to reduce the burden of cancer through scientific inquiry, clinical care, education, community engagement, and advocacy. Dana-Farber is a federally designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and a teaching affiliate of Harvard

Medical School.

We provide the latest treatments in cancer for adults through Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center and for children through Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center. Dana-Farber is the only hospital nationwide with a top 5 U.S. News & World Report Best Cancer Hospital ranking in both adult and pediatric care.

As a global leader in oncology, Dana-Farber is dedicated to a unique and equal balance between cancer research and care, translating the results of discovery into new treatments for patients locally and around the world, offering more than 1,100 clinical trials.

Book Stew Review

'Table For Two' by Amor Towles

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This delightful collection, six short stories and a novella, seems like an in-between the big novels for Towles, who is a writer who can perfectly balance character study with slimmer plotting.

The stories all have little twisty endings that you might or might not see coming, but either way, they add up to a most enjoyable journey.

The Line is about a muzhik who transfers his genial customer skills from Russia to NYC; The Ballad of Timothy Touchett features a forger and his employer; Hasta Luego's main character is a

lovable man who falls off the wagon and relies on a stranger to catch him; I Will Survive centers the joy of roller disco; The Bootlegger takes place at Carnegie Hall, where a nouveau riche couple encounters a devoted symphony lover; and The DeDomenico Fragment describes the difficult splitting of an inherited painting.

The novella, Eve in Hollywood, is a sequel to Rules Of Civility, his outstanding first novel, and can be read joyously as a stand-alone.

Those of us who savor every word Towles writes will be pleased to sink into the warmth of his writing and into his obvious love for humanity without judgment, quite rare these days.

Want your opinion heard?

We LOVE your letters! Send Letters to the Editor to: office@yourtowncrier.com.

All submissions must be accompanied by full name, address, and daytime contact information for verification purposes.

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OBITUARIES

William G. 'Bill' Hooper Jr. Served 26 years on Wilmington Planning Board

William "Bill" Hooper, Jr., age 98, a resident of Wilmington from 1956 to 2008, and recently of Brooksbys Village in Peabody, passed away on Monday, April 15, 2024.

He was born in Portland, Maine, and was the beloved husband of Barbara Hooper, with whom he shared 70 years of marriage.

Bill participated in many activities while living in Wilmington. He coached his sons' Dodger's Little League team and later was Scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts Troop 56 for three years, followed by service as a Merit Badge Counselor and a member of the Troop Committee.

He was an active citizen, serving three years on the Conservation Commission followed by 26 years on the

Planning Board.

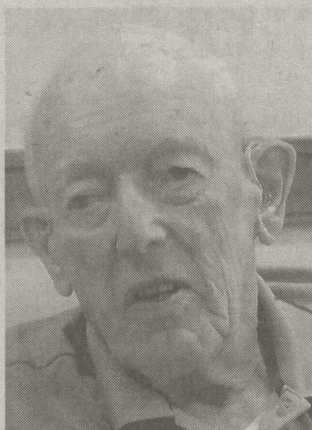
Upon his "retirement" from the Planning Board he volunteered for several years in the Planning/Conservation Office.

An active member of the Methodist Church, he and others were part of a group who helped to build houses in Lowell, Reading and Woburn for Habitat for Humanity.

In 2004, both Bill and his wife Barbara were honored to be selected to be Wilmington's "Good Guys" for that year.

In 2008, Bill and his wife moved to Brooksbys Village in Peabody, a maintenance free retirement community.

In addition to his wife Barbara, Bill is survived by his three children: David and his wife Janet of Pocasset, MA, Matthew of Riverdale, NJ, and Nancy



and her husband Bill of Wakefield, as well as seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial will be at the Veterans Cemetery in Bourne, with a celebration of Bill's life to follow some time after in the Brooksbys Village Chapel.

For further information, please visit www.odonnell-funeralservice.com.

Alice I. (White) O'Brien Supported cancer, heart, veterans' charities

Alice I. (White) O'Brien, age 81, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on April 20, 2024.

Alice was born at home in Wilmington on Nov. 8, 1942; she was a "die hard" Wilmington resident who loved being raised on Kiernan Avenue and being educated in "her community."

She made many life-long friends in Wilmington and was a proud graduate of Wilmington High School, Class of 1960 with Honors.

Alice married "her love" Cornelius "Mannie" O'Brien on Dec. 9, 1962; they continued tradition and made their own home on Kiernan Avenue where she resided for over 56 years and raised a beautiful family.

"Family, Home, and Faith!" that was Alice's motto and that is the way she lived her life. She was a devoted wife, mother, and Grammy who showered her family with unconditional love and devotion.

Alice looked forward to attending countless school, sporting events, activities, or whatever her children and grandchildren were involved in. She was always there to cheer them on and was undoubtedly their biggest fan.

Sunday family time, including drives (especially to Vermont), dinners in the North End, and weekends at the lake, created some of the greatest memories. Alice looked forward to the time she spent enjoying the company and conversation with her family, friends, and neighbors; she was a true friend and a great mentor to so many.

Alice worked hard throughout her life; for

many years she worked as a bank teller for Northern Bank and Trust where she made many great friends with her co-workers. Alice's endearing personality, vast knowledge of her job, her quick wit, and great people skills made her a valued employee throughout the years.

Alice was also instrumental in helping her husband to run his cab business; she was kind and courteous to every customer.

In her spare time, Alice enjoyed reading a good book or her competitive side would come out as she played a great game of cards. She looked forward to her days at the beach where she could partake in her favorites, lobster, fried clams and fried dough!

Alice will be fondly remembered for her unwavering support of charitable organizations including cancer, heart, diabetes, St. Jude and for our veterans.

She was a woman of great faith and an active communicant of St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Wilmington for many years.

Alice was so kind towards everyone and she expressed her love through the writing and sending of her heartfelt cards that she sent for all occasions to all that she loved and cared for.

Alice was quite a lady; she had a heart of gold and a beautiful smile. She will forever live on in the hearts and minds of those she loved.

Alice was the beloved wife of the late Cornelius "Mannie" O'Brien, devoted mother of Kathleen M. O'Brien of Sarasota, FL, Donna M. Marken and her husband Gregory of Hampton, NH, and Michael J. O'Brien and his partner



Jill Sullivan of Derry, NH. Loving "Grammy" of Alexander G. Marken, Wyatt W. O'Brien, and Garrett C. O'Brien. Alice was the daughter of the late Mary G. and Laurence White, dear sister of the late Mary Garofalo, Miriam Joan Kuhne, Lawrence White Jr., Barbara Loberg, and Larry White.

Sister-in-law of Hazel O'Brien of Wilmington, Ann O'Brien of Tewksbury, the late Phyllis Flaherty, James O'Brien, and Gerald "Jeff" O'Brien.

Alice is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, April 26 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Thomas Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at 10 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, April 2 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Alice loved her flowers, butterflies, and Angels; if you are inclined please feel free to reach out to a local florist.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Shawsheen Valley Technical High School high honor roll, honor roll

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School is proud to announce the third quarter Honor Roll for the 2023-2024 school year, recognizing students for their exceptional academic achievements.

Principal Jessica Cook has released the list of honorees, acknowledging the hard work and dedication that earned these students their place on this prestigious list. Their commitment to academic excellence has set a high standard for the entire school community.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

CLASS OF 2024: Jake Amoros, Alison Annino, Camden Atwood, June Bardsley, Ayla Biscan, Robert Bonanno, Bradley Boudreault, Reagan Bowden, Samuel Cahill, Anthony Canadas, Joshua Caruso, Timothy Clark, Adrianna Damiano, Mikayla Day, Michael DeRose, Riley Diaz, Allison Dinelli, Anna Doughty, Brian Duhamel, Brenna Follett, Camdyn Folta, Veronica Garcia, Rachel Garrett, Nicholas Gerasimov, Morgan Gilman, Emerson Glover, Morgan Glover, Nicole Hatch, Noah Healey, Jasmine Johansen, Janice Lam, Colin Lawson, Gabriella Lentini, Shane MacArthur, Anthony Marra, Sarah McLaughlin, Jaycee Mitchell, Elianna Munroe, Seamus Naughton, Dante Nee, Gordon Noble, Mason O'Rourke, Anna Pierce, Logan Pyles, Matthew Ramsey, Riley Rourke, Adam San Clemente, Cameron Santos, Lindsay Sealese, Jason Scaringi, Hailey Schaufus, Sean Schlehuber, Frankie Simpson, Benjamin Skorik, Kaitlyn Spoto, Patrick Tassone, Methun Thayaaparan, McKenzee Tingtella, Mason Tirone, Angelique Troisi, Gabrielle Troisi, and Mackenzie Ware.

CLASS OF 2025: Justin Abbott, Ivone Airoso, Nolan Ally, Avery Assarian, Noah Brooks, Megan Browne, Phoebe Cameron, Matthew Carpinella, Gianna Caruso, Tara Clark, Dante D'Alleva, Matthew Dall, Jayson Dube, Trevor Engell, Brody Esterbrook, James Famolare, Ava Ferreira, Corrine Foley, Aidan Fortunato, Dale Gardner, John Gatta, Jackson Goldman, Autumn Halas, Eliot Hong, Jonathan Hureau, Leila Hurley, Morgan Kelly, Bryan Keohan, Adriana Kepple, Tyler LaMarca, Nishitha Lamsal, Jack Larson, Kristin MacDonald, Kayla Mason, Amelia Matzke, Kylie McLaughlin, Kaleb Molina, Mia Morrison, Makayla Nolan, Meagan O'Leary, Daniel O'Mahony, Andrew Oliveira, On-

yx Paquin, Jayden Perez, Roy Plewa, John Pozzi, Lia Price, Lorraina Raposa, Tucker Robinson, Samuel Sarkissian, Sydney Silva, Logan Sproul, Megan Steeves, Shelby Tangusso, Kellen Trott, Aswad Vahora, Celia Vindice, Michael Ware, Juliana Welch, and Nathan Yeomans.

CLASS OF 2026: Rachel Botte, Adam Caruso, Jessica DeChellis, Casey Desaulniers, Brenden DiMambro, Jaily DiNuccio, Benjamin Edeburn, Gisele Ganem, Mia Gorrasi, Zoey Helbert, Matthew Kilfoyle, Jack Krauss, Maura Krueger, Erin Langone, Ryan MacLeod, Lily Middleton, Derek Mulik, Mono Newell, Paige Nickerson, Maeva O'Brien, Karina Palencia Marroquin, Jacoby Patterson, Giana Peach, Rayssa Pereira, Haley Quattrocchi, Christina Rainone, Brooklyn Schena, Dominic Schena, Isaac Schmidt, Lauren Vetre, and Mackenzie Weatherbee.

CLASS OF 2027: Brendon Abrams, Hayley Allen, Hailey Arvilla, Akio Aurilio, Nathan Bettencourt, Aidan Boutot, Braeden Brazil, Michaela Bumpus, Gabriella Carriglio, Trina Caso, Cael Considine, Stephanie DeSimone, Devyn Donnelly, Zachary Dziggel, Mia Figueroa, Mia Freitas, McKensi Galarza, Finn Hadden, Chloe Huberty, Lily Kelley, Shannon Kelly, Jackson Kenney, Ashley Knell, Heubert Koranteng, Anthony Laurenza, Jaron Molgard, Cole Moniz, Alessandra Munson, Joseph Mytych, Aidan O'Keefe, James O'Leary, Nariah Oscar, Katelyn Perkins, Samuel Reynolds, Damian Roscillo, Mary Schmidt, Alexander Schulze, Isabella Souza, Yago Torres, Craig Walker, Jack Welch, and Madeline White.

HONOR ROLL

CLASS OF 2024: Donald Alphonse, Joseph Arkalis, Justin Aucoin, Anthony Aurilio, Brody Baldwin, Cade Barron, Holly Benoit, Carina Benoit, William Biscan, John Bishop, Jared Bishop, Zachary Blonigen, Alice Bollinger, Maximus Boston, Jacob Breitenbach, Roderick Burdette, John Burke, Ilya Butler, Mikayla Cafaro, Daniel Carnovale, Christian Carpinella, Daniel Castelluccio, Isaiah Castonova, Jayden Ceballo, Owen Coltran, Keenan Considine, Cassandra Conti, Thomas Cormier, Michaela Crowe, Brian Crowley, Santino D'Ippolito, Jacara DeGree, Isabella DePari, Brianna Dillon, John DiPietropolo, Mariarose Doucette, Skyla Doyle, Edward Doyle, Lillian Dulong, Addison

Dunham, Finley Dunham, Morgan Dunham, Richard Elliott, Andrew Estabrook, Nolan Fagan, Arianna Farrell, Cameron Feeney, Matthew Flynn, Thomas Foley, Maddox Freitas, Kaytlin Gannon, Savanna Gervais, Brennan Gray, Kyle Gray, Quinn Guinane, Tyler Hardy, Matthew Horne, Nicholas Ingersoll, Elizabeth Ingram, Sarah Johansen, Haylee Johnston, Cole Kelley, Ryan Kendig, Corey Kirchner, Jared Krueger, Julia Lamim, Teagan LeDoux, Brendan Lee, Wyatt Lefebvre, Nicholas Leite, Michael Lindsey, Matthew Lombardo, Isabella Luis, Ryan MacKeen, James MacLellan, Tyler Mantey, Braelyn Martin, Harley Martin, Tatum McDonald, Michael McIntyre, Geena Medeiros, Nathaniel Medeiros, Jake Metcalfe, Trevor Middleton, Layne Miller, Andre Monteiro, Ryan Murphy, Joseph Murray, Derek Nazzaro, Timothy Niles, Tyler Normant, Derek O'Brien, Joseph O'Sullivan, Michaela Oliver, Allie Oliver, Gianna Papa, Allison Peacock, Gianni Penta, Edward Peterson, Christiana Poirier, Natalia Portillo-Pitta, Jaelyn Proulx, Aaron Ramsey, Ava Rega, Zachary Rogers, Mia Ryan, Phoebe Sassone, Brenda Schubert-Raimundo, Brady Senk, James Shepherd, Nicholas Shinopulos, Layla Souza, Roland Spengler, Benjamin Spidle, Alexis Spurr, Ryan Sweeney, Kaylee Tarara, Julian Valerio, Arianna Walker, Anna Warford, and Daniel Watne.

CLASS OF 2025: Desiree Almodovar, Anna Andacic, Aiden Bain, Gianna Ballou, Hailey Barber, Charlotte Bartolone, Owen Becker, Owen Benson, Logan Bentley, Jack Bourque, Matthew Breen, Tucker Broughton, Alexandra Burke, McKayla Cadden, John Canadas, Domenic Centola, Madison Chew, Darion Considine, Grant Cook, Erin Cornell, Alyssa Costantiello, Haley Cournoyer, Layne Coutu, Lawrence Cullity, Peter D'Orsi, Sean Dailey, Khalil Degree, Peyton DeVito, Ronan Dewar, Rylie Eisnor, Emily Erickson, Jameson Farrell, Brady Fillmore, Brendan Fitzgerald, Brody Freitas, Matthew Fricke, Luca Gabardi, Nathan Galanis, Nicholas Gattineri, Niko Georgoulis, Peter Gianacopolis, Francesco Grieco, Joseph Guilmette, Kailyn Harless, Addison Herrick, Dylan Higson, William Holloway, Alivia Imbimbo, Ryan Jamieson, Destinee Jeanty, Apollo Joseph, Ayala Kelley, John Krisko, Alisa Lavino, Elijah Lefebvre, Lincoln Levesque, Jason Lombardi, Madeline

Long, Alexis Lucchini, Stephanie MacKeen, Sydney MacPherson, Faith Martin, Isabella Mason, Devin Mathews, Amaya Maxi, Lauren Mazzei, Ethan McDermott, Tore McGonnel, Devin Medeiros, Ethan Melanson, Jensen Melendez-Medina, Nathan Melo-Sabino, Joseph Menkelo, Vince Miano, Robert Miskiewicz, Kendra Minghella, Jared Mirisola, Jason Mitchell, Jennifer Montanez, Sean Morgan, Allison Morgan, Julia Morin, Diego Munoz, Kenneth Murnane III, Ava Murray, Dominic Naimo, Kevin O'Brien Jr, Lilly O'Hearn, Nicolas Palmerino, Anthony Pellegrino, Luis Pereira Jr, Connor Pesce, Kylie Plowman, Lukas Poirier, Alaina Powell, Alexandra Quick, Gianna Rago, John Ranno, Fiona Rexford, Rebecca Risher, Caden Rodgers-Cooper, Charles Roy, Gavin Russell, Elizabeth Santos, Luka Skorpuit, Cameron Splaine, Skyler Sullivan, Dylan Taylor, Preston Teixeira, Sidney Tildsley, Carson Tkachuk, Mia Vacha, Kimberlee Velasquez-Perez, Allison Viveiros, Cullen Walsh, Dylan Ward, and Angelina Williams.

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buquerque, Alan De Souza, Christopher DeFilippo, Alexia Delaney-Cahill, Gabriella Devincentis, Dominic DiCenso, Isabella DiSalvo, Sophia DiTonno, Jordyn Doyle, Arianna Fasulo, Brendan Ferrone, Samantha Fisher, Connor Flynn, Robert Follett, Justin Fricia, Owen Gallant, Sara Ganley, Andres Guerrero, Steve Guevara, Jacquelyn Guy, John Haggerty, Mikayla Harrington, Carly Heichman, Cayden Hentz, Logan Holmes, David Jeanty, Pauline Karavakis, Alexander Kaszuba, Micayla King, Tyler Labeta, Aidan Largent, Jack LeGallo, Cassidy Loughran, Audrey Mader, Nathan Malandain, Zachary Mantey, Kyle Marone, Jack Martins, Charlie Mastronardi, Evan McCarthy, Caleb McDevitt, Shane McDonald, Valerie Mendoza Reyna, David Mikaelyan, Jevon Moron, Jacquelyn Morrissey, Valentina Mosquera Arguelles, Claire Murphy, Brendan Nikonchuk, Ava Noble, Jaimee Noffle, Thomas Peterson, Josh Powderly, Dyllon Pratt, Olivia Quinn, Ralph Raymond, Francesca Reardon, Malcolm Robinson, Kaimen Rogers, Alyvia Rowsky, Andrew Roya, Seth Ruchalski, Cera Salter, Macy Savage, Makayla Scaramozza, John Schofield, Evangeline Schwartzkopf, Charles Shannon, Brennan Skelly, Nathan Son, Camila Spilmann, Sarah Stephan, Gemma Sweeney, Krystal Tempesta, Justin Thibert, Cole Tirone, Hailey Tomasi, William Trach, Jacob Vieira, Davide Vitale, David Viveiros, Kristal Wells, and Lukas White.

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**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
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SERVICES CONTRACT**

**SECTION 00100
INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed Bids for TOWN FACILITY HEATING, VENTILATION and AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SERVICES will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 11:00 A.M., Friday, May 10, 2024, at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Work of this contract shall consist of routine and emergency Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) maintenance services, at various Town facilities between July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The contract duration is for one (1) year with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years at the Town's discretion.

Contract Documents are available for examination at the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 after 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 18, 2024. You may receive a copy of the contract by calling 978- 640-4300 or by email aryan@tewbksbury-ma.gov.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a certified check, cashier's check, or security bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of forty-five (45) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the M.G.L. c. 149, §§ 26 to 270, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

The Bidding and Award of this Contract will be pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149, sec 44A-M. The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

**RICHARD A. MONTUORI
TOWN MANAGER
TEWKSBURY,
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**Estate of: Susan F. Goodwin
Date of Death: October 04, 2023**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Darlene Bouley of Billerica MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

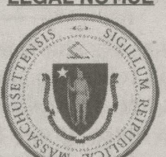
Darlene Bouley of Billerica MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE



**COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

**Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Docket No. MI24P2006EA

**Estate of:
Paul Thomas Buonopane
Also known as:
Paul Buonopane,
Paul T Buonopane
Date of Death: 03/04/2020**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Michael J. Buonopane of North Andover MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Michael J Buonopane of North Andover MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/16/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 18, 2023

**Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate**

240441

4/24/24

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Eric Murray, Murray Bros Inc., 162 Lorum Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, applicant, & Red Line Realty Trust, 162 Lorum Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, owner. This filing is for the construction of two single-family dwellings on two lots with associated walkways, driveway, and utilities. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The property is located at 143 Lake Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, and shown on Assessor's Map 35 Parcel 3. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission**

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LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-09, Stormwater Management Permit #24-07, and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #24-05, plan entitled, "Site Development Plans for 271 Main Street, Wilmington, MA"; dated January 9, 2024, prepared by Brandon G. Li, P.E., Kelly Engineering Group, 0 Campanelli Drive, Braintree, MA 02184. The application is for the redevelopment of the site to construct a new 25,989 sq. ft. building with associated stormwater utilities, parking, and landscaping. Said property is located at 271 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 43 Parcel 4.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

**Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board**

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4/17,24/24

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 7:05 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Suhad & Nirali Patel, 234 Burlington Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, owners & applicants. This filing is for the construction of an addition and sun room to the single-family dwelling, including rooftop infiltration, installation of a patio, tree removal and clearing, relocation of the post-and-rail fence, grading and associated utilities. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The properties are located at 140 Lowell Street, Birch Street, Fir Street, Alder Street, Hall Street, and March Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, and shown on Assessor's Map 49 Parcels 1, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 11. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission**

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LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-08, plan entitled, "Site Number: MA3599, Site Name: Wilmington Waltham Street"; dated August 23, 2022, last revised November 29, 2022, TEP Northeast, 45 Beechwood Drive, North Andover, MA 01845. The application is for the installation of new telecommunications equipment, including twelve (12) antennas, nine (9) RRH's, and a diesel generator. Said property is located at 6 Waltham Street and shown on Assessor's Map 79 Parcel 31D.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

**Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board**

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LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 8:05 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-06, Stormwater Management Permit #24-06, and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #24-04 plan entitled, "Office Campus Reuse, Life Science/Biomanufacturing Conversion, 181-187 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA"; dated January 10, 2024, prepared by Douglas J. Hartnett, P.E., Highpoint Engineering, Inc., Dedham Executive Center, 980 Washington Street, Suite 216, Dedham, MA 02026. The application is for the construction of a two-story (66,100 gsf) research and development building, with associated stormwater utilities. Said property is located at 181 & 187 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R2 Parcels 20A & 20G.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

**Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board**

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LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 7:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-10 and Stormwater Management Permit #24-08, and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #24-06, plan entitled, "Site Plan Set, 619 Main Street/RT. 38, Wilmington, MA"; dated February 2, 2024, prepared by Peter M. Blaisdell, Jr., P.E., Williams & Sparages, 189 North Main Street, Suite 101, Middleton, MA 01949. The application is for parking lot and stormwater improvements as well as utilities. Said property is located at 619 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 40 Parcel 2B.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

**Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board**

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Daley participates in National Model United Nations Conference

EASTON — Gideon Daley, a member of Stonehill College's Class of 2024 from Tewksbury, participated in the 2024 National Model United Nations Conference in New York City from Saturday, March 23 to Friday, March 29. The Stonehill delegation, which represented Nepal on 10 different committees at the conference, ranked in the top 15% among 250 colleges and universities from over 35 countries.

Each National Model United Nations committee includes between 15 and 193 member states and up to 25 non-governmental organizations. Committees are responsible for producing resolutions recommending policy solutions to world issues.

About Stonehill College
Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of high-

er learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **May 1, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for a NOI application filed by Oxbow Associates on behalf of Jason LaRocque for activities related to the construction of a residential addition and patio within the buffer zone of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **215 Marshall Street, Assessor Map 33 Lot 5.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewbksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

**Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner**

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LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Sign Special Permit #24-04 plan dated February 1, 2024, prepared by Spectrum Signs & Graphics, 97 Eddy Road, Manchester, NH 03102. The application is for the installation of a 40 sq. ft. wall sign. Said property is located at 196 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R2 Parcel 7E.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

**Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board**

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LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9:00 a.m.

**Wilmington High School
Joanne M. Benton Auditorium**

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LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 8:25 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-07, plan entitled, "Site Number: MAL03119, Site Name: Wilmington Nassau Avenue"; dated December 19, 2022, last revised March 7, 2024, prepared by Daniel P. Hamm, P.E., TEP Northeast, 45 Beechwood Drive, North Andover, MA 01845. The application is for the installation of new telecommunications equipment, including nine (9) antennas and six (6) RRUs. Said property is located at 36 Nassau Avenue and shown on Assessor's Map 31 Parcel 59.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

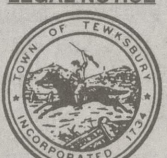
**Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board**

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LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

PUBLIC HEARING

**Request for Determination
of Applicability (RDA)**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **May 1, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for an RDA application filed by Keach Nordstrom Associates, Inc. on behalf of Triglione Arthur J & Anthony J for activities related to the construction of a commercial building addition that may affect Isolated Land Subject to Flooding and/or wetland buffer zone.

The property subject to this application is located at **792 MAIN ST TEWKSBURY, MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 48-20.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewbksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

**Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner**

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Residents to vote at Boutwell School, high school, town hall

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one and two will vote at the Boutwell School, three and four will vote at WHS, and five and six will vote at Town Hall.

Those who need to vote by mail or complete an absentee ballot need to have their ballot in the

Clerk's office by 8 p.m. on election day. Applications for absentee ballots and vote by mail are available at the www.wilmingtonma.gov website, and can be emailed to the town clerk.

In upcoming elections, the state primary is on Sept. 3, from 7 - 8 p.m.

And the 2024 presidential election vote will be held on Nov. 5, with voting open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All candidates are wished luck in their respective races and their upcoming terms in public office.

Wilmington United Methodist Church hosts meal packing event

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington United Methodist Church invites you to a Meal Packing Event on Sunday, May 19, 2024, through Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030.

WUMC held a food packing event in 2017, where 300 volunteers packaged 20,088 meals in two hours. These events have the potential of offering a ser-

vice opportunity, as well as an educational opportunity for our congregation.

This year, they are looking for 50-80 volunteers from the congregation to sign up for any of the following slots:

- Load-in and Event Prep: 12 - 2 p.m. (must be able to lift/move 50 lbs.)
- Meal Packing Shift 1: 2 - 3 p.m.
- Meal Packing Shift 2: 3 - 4 p.m.
- Load-out and Event Break Down: 4 - 6 p.m.,

or until done (must be able to lift/move 50 lbs.)

The Rise Against Hunger events provide a fun, engaging way for groups to lend a hand to people facing hunger across the globe. They combine the assembly-line process with an educational experience for all ages and make an impact on both the world, and the lives of the volunteers.

Please join them for the 25th anniversary of Rise Against Hunger and help meet their annual goal of 35 MILLION meals available to those in need!

Most groups interviewed preferred a particular type of use for the fields

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existing tennis court. There are three softball fields, one of which is very overgrown, and it's surrounded by the Maple Meadow Brook, wetlands, and Yentile Farms.

The feasibility study also showed that the fields can be restored to their previous state with treatment. As part of their short-term goals, they already made some improvements and set other improvements underway. The field parcel is already included in the DPW's spring turf management program.

Besides the far eastern field, which drains poorly and needs more work, the other two fields would be brought back to a useable state for spring sports within the next two or three weeks. They also began rehabilitating the weaker field.

The Tom Irwin Advisor's, Inc. representatives interviewed a number of community stakeholders for feedback. Magaldi mentioned that most groups preferred a particular type of use for the fields.

Two options he suggested would be to fit two softball fields and three smaller soccer fields (which could also be used for other sports such as lacrosse), or one large soccer field, one small soccer field, and one softball field. His recommendation was the latter.

Their long-term goals include creating a walkway to connect this site with Yentile Farms. This was a suggestion made while Yen-

tile Farm was being created and can now be actualized. They would also consider the use of some sort of subsurface field drainage system to help facilitate playable conditions on the whole field and provide phased fencing improvement along with an advanced feasibility study.

Another item to be determined was the path forward for the tennis court — whether to demolish the court, keep and reconstruct the court due to its current structural issues, or repurpose it into something else such as parking or a pickleball court.

Once they know the costs and the extent of the damage to the part of the tennis court that is covered up, Magaldi suggested they would prioritize their long-term goals and move forward.

Temporary Town Manager Lou Cimaglia asked how many parking spots could be gained by removing the tennis court. Magaldi proposed that demolishing the court entirely could double the existing 60 parking spaces, but this would require the permission of the property owner. It would also cost over \$125,000 to reconstruct the court.

He also told the board that the town has seven pickleball and 16 tennis courts currently, and he didn't have numbers but assured them that basketball was also a popular court option.

Magaldi then described that the use of Tom Irwin

Advisor's, Inc. had identified the need for a new mower and a new parks and grounds worker, both of which were incorporated in the proposed fiscal year 2025 budget. He also explained that it would be cheaper this year to add a new employee because an employee in the highway department is retiring after 35 years.

Select Board Chair Gary DePalma commented that parking appeared to be limited, especially considering the existing constraints at Yentile Farms. Magaldi said that engineering would maximize the parking and consider eliminating the tennis courts if parking remains an issue.

Greg Bendel asked about the lighting at the field, and Magaldi replied that he only knew about one spotlight, but there could be a service line set up. Bendel also suggested inviting the Yentile Farm Committee for their opinion on the space. Magaldi invited anyone to call the DPW and share their feedback.

Kevin Cairra asked to confirm that the fields would be permitted through the Recreation Department, to which Cimaglia agreed.

The board allowed public comment at this time, and one resident suggested that the area instead be sublet to construction companies who could cover the cost of improving the state of the water table, given that Magaldi stated it was only 18 inches below ground.

Bendel still can't support zoning change, thinks other towns will follow

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designed the zoning requirements proposed for Town Meeting approval so that Metro would be remain noncompliant and continue to provide affordable units.

Greg Bendel mentioned that there were changes made to the guidelines from the HLC, and that he appreciated the efforts of the planning and conservation department. However, he maintained that he couldn't support the zoning change, and he believed there was statewide effort among towns to join together against the guidelines.

Bendel went on to discuss that the town allowed several 40B developments

and been proactive to stay above 10 percent affordability. He questioned how they could assure residents that the guidelines won't change again, and if there was any promised funding for infrastructure to accompany the possibility of establishing 1,258 units over the zoning area.

Robertson provided that state funding would only rise with the adjustment of the town's population.

Frank West suggested that the zoning change could cost the town some of its commercial property on Main Street. Gingrich mentioned that part of the proposed zone would allow developers an incentive to include a commercial ground floor in that they can then build

an extra story of units.

Kevin Cairra asked if the state delegation would seek an amendment so that existing affordable housing numbers could count towards the 1,258 potential unit count. Gingrich stated that the unit count considers what could be built on the zoning area if totally demolished, but the state's spreadsheet does technically show more potential units on the Metro parcel than what would actually fit.

Secondly, DePalma asked for an update on the North Wilmington train station. Robertson provided that the changes would be completed sometime in the fall, possibly as early as mid-October.

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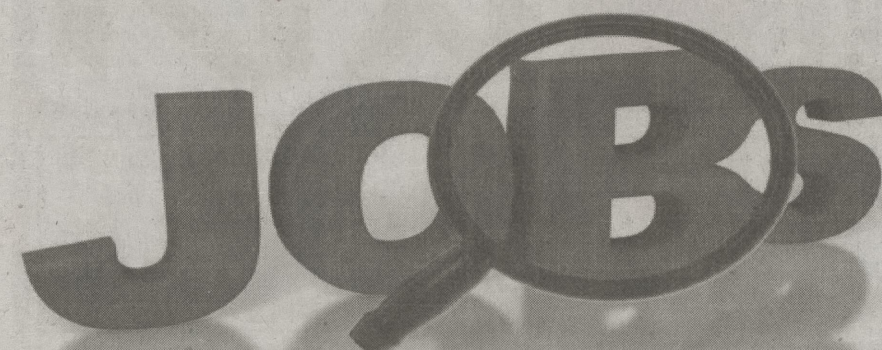
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Board approves requests for Farmers Market

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Kevin Caira asked if Cimaglia was comfortable making this decision. With Cimaglia's confirmation, the board approved the disclosure request to allow Cimaglia to move forward.

The board sent two letters notifying Jay Donovan and Robert Fasulo of their appointments to the Board of Registrars, and received one back from Jay Donovan. They also received a request from Ronald DiGiorgio to be re-appointed as Constable, which Cimaglia provided that DiGiorgio has been doing for years.

Director of Accounts Deborah Wagner of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue notified the board of the free cash approval.

Wilmington Lowell LLC Owner Stephen Kinsella and Manager of Dogwood TAC+ Propco MA II, LLC John Kosciulek informed the board via memo that the building at 175 Lowell St. had changed ownership.

The board members agreed to execute the collective bargaining agreement between the town and the American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees, Local 1703 Unit II for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30th, 2027.

They approved requests relative to Wilmington Farmers Market to use the town common on Sundays between June 9 and Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to hold the farmers market along with the corresponding license agreement. They approved requests from Library Director Katie Coraccio to use the town common on June 17 for Summer Read-

ing Kickoff and Aug. 8 for End of Summer Bash, along with the Wildwood Street lot on June 21 for Big Wheels Event.

They also agreed to allow Boy Scout Pack 126 to conduct a fundraising car wash on June 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Buildings Department.

The board voted in favor of issuing a Sunday entertainment license to Cushing Amusements in conjunction with the 4th of July celebration.

They next considered their designees to various boards and committees. Each board member stated that they wished to remain in their designations, and they voted in favor of continuing.

Kevin Caira proposed tabling a few of the items for approval until after the town election, as is typical. However, given that most of the terms end on April 30 and the board's next meeting would be May 13, he withdrew his motion.

The board then voted in favor of appointments and reappointments to Animal Control Officer, Board of Appeals, Board of Registrars, Council for the Arts, Fence Viewer, Town Counsel, Constables, Elderly Services Commission, Conservation Commission, Gas Inspector, Board of Health, Planning Board, Recreation Commission, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Trustee of Trust Funds, Veterans' Agent, Wiring Inspector, and more.

A resident spoke up during public comment to suggest that the board remove the MBTA zoning change warrant article from consideration for the Town Meeting because of possible amendments via proposed legislation. He

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- ✓ Oil Based Paints
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- ✗ Empty Containers/Trash
- ✗ Latex Paint
- ✗ Commercial or Industrial Waste
- ✗ Radioactive Waste, Smoke Detectors
- ✗ Infectious & Biological Wastes
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- ✗ Fire Extinguishers
- ✗ Prescription Medicines/Syringes
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- Leave materials in original containers.
- Tighten caps and lids.
- Sort and pack separately: oil paint, pesticides, and household cleaners.
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.
- NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous material.

also urged residents to vote against the additional proposed DPW employee and asked the board to provide the totals of the warrants that were approved that night.

DePalma referenced that the warrants amounted to \$8,270,522.12.

Frank West announced

the Minutemen Liberty Pole raising and dedication scheduled at Rotary Park on April 28, and Bendel highlighted the upcoming town election on April 27 and Town Meeting on May 4.

Cimaglia said under new business that there was a mistake with the warrant

article book and corrected that the town's IT Director does not make \$400,000, as it may appear.

The Salute to Service that night went out to Mark Micalizzi. Bendel named the veteran's four deployments and string of medals received included the Afghanistan campaign

medal, Joint Meritus Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Medal, and NATO medal. He also shared that Micalizzi is a retired corrections officer who remains active in American Legion Post 136.



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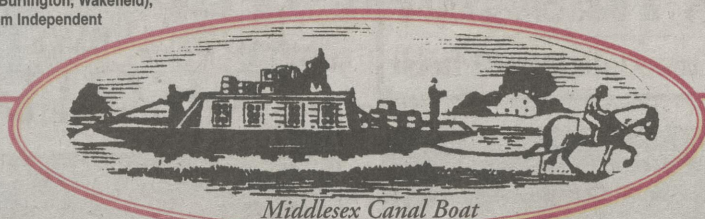
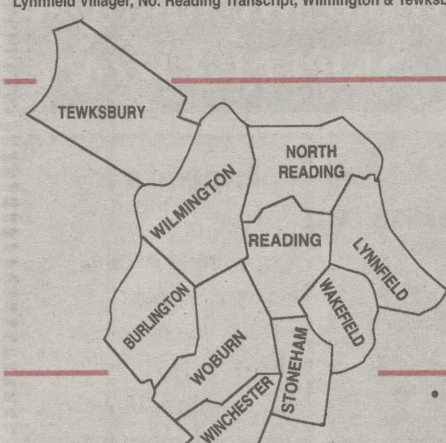
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For complete redesign of city's downtown area roadways...

Woburn acts to save \$18.67M traffic improvement project from the chopping block

By PATRICK BLAIS

Some two years ago, a transportation consultant pegged Woburn's odds of receiving state funding for a complete redesign of its downtown area at a near 100 percent certainty.

But last month, new city Mayor Michael Concannon appeared before the City Council with that same expert to warn that the previously guaranteed \$18.67 million in funding could be imperiled due to the municipality's inaction in advancing initial design plans.

At risk, according to Concannon and Tighe & Bond engineer Rich Benevento, is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to completely reconfigure a whole network of roadways that pass through Woburn Center.

"Generally, projects don't even get programmed on the TIP until you get through the preliminary design phase and you have [a full Mass. Department of Transportation (MassDOT) approval]. So Woburn was very fortunate that as soon as this project was deemed eligible by MassDOT for funding, it was programmed on the TIP," said Benevento during a City Council meeting last March.

"We have to do a traffic study. There's a new [requirement] that just came out that's called an ICE study or intersection control evaluation. We have to look at right-of-way [issues involving potential easements or land takings with private landowners]. But most importantly, we need to be meeting with the public and the residents and businesses in the area," added the engineering and transportation expert.

To achieve those ends, the City Council earlier this month voted unanimously to



WOBURN CENTER REDESIGN - The above image, prepared by WorldTech Engineering, shows a proposed redesign of the busy Woburn Common crossroads of Pleasant, Common, Main, and Winn Streets in the heart of Woburn Center. The plan has the potential to do away with the rotary style intersection and create two-way traffic on Pleasant and Main Streets. The bottom photo shows the present-day traffic configuration around the rotary. (Courtesy images)

sanction a request from the mayor to appropriate \$450,000 towards the transportation initiative. The money should be sufficient to bring the project to the 25 percent design phase, when MassDOT would approve the city's initial traffic improvement concepts.

"The MPO is reviewing a series of projects, including ours, and they're dealing with a bit of difficulty they're having with funding. God forbid, we could be deprogrammed and we'd have to start all over again. We're cautiously optimistic [that won't happen so long as we act now]," Concannon remarked during initial City Council.

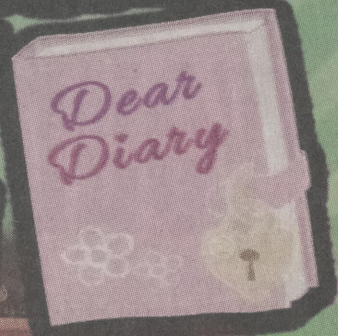
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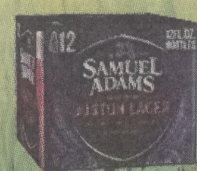
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Movie Reviews & Box Office News
'Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare' - a true-tale WWII heist



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE - Alex Pettyfer, Alan Ritchson, Henry Cavill, Hero Fiennes Tiffin, and Henry Golding in a scene from "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare" released by Lionsgate films.

(Daniel Smith/Lionsgate via AP)

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

The latest Guy Ritchie flick "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare" has a spine of true story to it, even if it does all it can to amplify a long-declassified World War II tale with enough dead Nazis to make "Inglourious Basterds" blush.

The result is a jauntily entertaining film but also an awkward fusion. Ritchie's film, which opens in theaters Friday, takes the increasingly prolific director's fondness for swaggering, exploitation-style ultraviolence and applies it to a real-life stealth mission that would have been thrilling enough if it had been told with a little historical accuracy.

In 2016, documents were declassified that detailed Operation Postmaster, during which a small group of British special operatives sailed to the West African island of Fernando Po, then a Spanish colony, in the Gulf of Guinea. Spain was then neutral in the war, which made the Churchill-approved gambit audacious. In January 1942, they snuck into the port and sailed off

with several ships — including the Italian merchant vessel Duchessa d'Aosta — that were potentially being used in Atlantic warfare.

Sounds like a pretty good movie, right? The story even features James Bond author Ian Fleming, giving it more than enough grist for a WWII whopper. "Operation Postmaster" makes for a better title, too, than the ungainly "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare." Ritchie, however, already has an operation — last year's "Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre" — in his filmography.

Ritchie, who turned Sherlock Holmes into a bulked-up action star, has always preferred to beef up his movies. It's a less-noted side effect of the superhero era that regular ol' heroes have been supersized, too, as if human-sized endeavors aren't quite enough anymore. And "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare," in which a handful of operatives kill approximately a thousand Nazis, has a fine, brawny duo in Henry Cavill and Alan Ritchson.

In the movie's opening scene, they're relaxing on a small ship in the Atlantic

when Germans rush aboard. After a few laughs and a Nazi monologue that plays like a poor man's version of Christoph Waltz's masterful oration in "Inglourious Basterds," the duo makes quick mincemeat of them, leaving blood splattered across the henley shirt of Anders Lassen (Ritchson, a charming standout).

Not much has changed in Ritchie-land, though he's swapped tweed for skintight tees and cable-knit sweaters in a rollicking high-seas adventure. As in the director's previous movies, everyone — and, as before, nearly all male — seems to be having a good time. Likewise, Ritchie revels in his characters' debonair nonchalance while meting out all manner of savagery.

The assembled group of operatives are said to be delinquents and misfits, though they steadfastly adhere to the polite manners of past Ritchie protagonists. They may kill with blood-thirsty impunity but what really matters is upholding an old-school sense of style. When the undercover agents Marjorie Stewart (Eiza González, who silkily cuts like a knife through the

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RECIPE



PIZZA FOR 2 - Homemade pizza is hard to beat, and this deep-dish sausage-and-mushroom version, dressed up with a splash of cream, is cooked in a cast-iron skillet, and blows any delivery away.

STEPS

1. In medium bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. With wooden spoon, stir in flour, 2 tablespoons oil, the butter, salt and sugar.
2. Sprinkle flour lightly on work surface. Place dough on floured surface. Knead 5 to 10 minutes, sprinkling surface with more flour only if dough starts to stick, until dough is smooth and springy, but still soft. Spray large bowl with cooking spray. Place dough in bowl, turning dough to grease all sides. Cover bowl loosely with plastic wrap; let rise in warm place about 1 hour or until doubled in size.
3. Heat oven to 450°F.
4. In 9-inch cast-iron skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms; cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring occasionally, until browned. Transfer mushrooms to small bowl. Add sausage to skillet; cook 3 to 5 minutes, breaking sausage up

- with back of spoon until no longer pink. Add whipping cream and thyme; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until liquid is almost evaporated. Transfer to bowl with mushrooms. Allow skillet to cool; wipe out with paper towel.
5. In small bowl, mix tomatoes, garlic and pepper flakes.
 6. Brush same skillet with 1 teaspoon oil.
 7. Gently push fist into pizza dough to deflate. Place half of dough in skillet. Gently push up side of skillet, creating an even crust on bottom and side. Spread tomato mixture over bottom of crust. Top with mushroom mixture and mozzarella cheese. Freeze other half of dough to use some other time.
 8. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown and cheese is melted and lightly browned.

EXPERT TIPS

To freeze remaining

Ingredients

CRUST

- 1 package regular active dry yeast
- 1 cup warm water (105°F to 115°F)
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for sprinkling work surface
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar

TOPPINGS

- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 4 oz sliced cremini mushrooms (about 1 cup)
- 4 oz bulk mild Italian sausage
- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1/3 cup crushed tomatoes (from 14.5-oz can)
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 oz)

pizza dough, wrap in plastic, and place in resealable freezer bag up to 3 months. When ready to use, put dough in its bag in refrigerator to thaw at least 12 hours. Just before making pizza, bring dough out on countertop 30 minutes.

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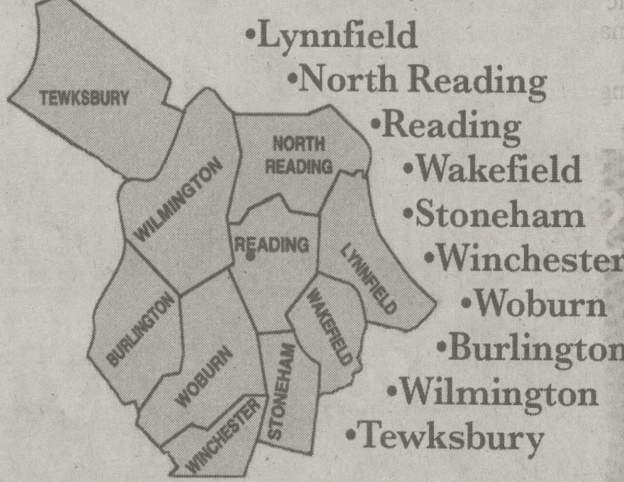
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14 Chestnut Ave was sold to Ng, Shih-Yun and Ng, Matthew T by 16 Dorothy Avenue LLC for \$1,635,000 on 04/05/24

4 Maryvale Rd was sold to More Maryvale LLC by Hodges Jr, Keith A and Kenney, Colleen R for \$650,000 on 04/01/24

15 Sumner St was sold to Tragellis, Elena and Tragellis, Stavros I by Demirjian, Ara J and Demirjian, Rosemary E for \$920,000 on 04/03/24

LYNNFIELD

1 Knights Of Columbus Way was sold to Palumbo, Matthew and Palumbo, David by Knights Of Columbus Bldg for \$665,000 on 04/01/24

NORTH READING

12 Hillside Rd was sold to Turcotte, Andrew and Woodman, Laura by Bradbuilt Const Co LLC for \$329,000 on 04/05/24

2 Leclair St was sold to Lyons, John and Tran, Laurie by Jcg Investments LLC for \$740,000 on 04/02/24

40 Main St #19 was sold to Santiago, Barbara A and Santiago, Richard J by Donatelli, Paul M for \$310,000 on 04/05/24

230 Martins Lndg #108 was sold to Allen, Margaret E by Daw, Julian for \$450,000 on 04/04/24

READING

18 Barbara Ln was sold to Dossantos, Marenilton V and Dossantos, Karina S by Hardin, Jennifer for \$820,000 on 04/01/24

199 Forest St was sold to San, Wenyin and Li, Zhuo by Trinity Home Builders LL for \$1,450,000 on 04/01/24

91 Green St was sold to Venugopalan, Shankar R and Nagarajan, Saranya by Real D LLC for \$1,660,000 on 04/02/24

8 Sanborn St #3007 was sold to Wood-

hams, James and Woodhams, Julia by Mueller, John M for \$550,000 on 04/03/24

59 Springvale Rd was sold to Martinez, Fermin by Freeman Ft and Freeman, Joan M for \$665,000 on 04/04/24

315 Summer Ave was sold to Corvino, Kevin and Corvino, Maria by Higgins, Timothy D and Higgins, Pamela M for \$1,475,000 on 04/01/24

4 Summit Ter #511 was sold to Talal, Marilyn by Wang, Yueyang and Wang, Weicheng for \$414,000 on 04/05/24

STONEHAM

195 Collincote St #207 was sold to Saraceni, Alessandra M and Shannon, Scott M by Oconnor, Ian R and Oconnor, Leigh A for \$580,000 on 04/03/24

8 Common St #4 was sold to Park, Christopher and Deng, Yuanshu by Driscoll, Lauren for \$500,000 on 04/04/24

24-26 Curve Rd was sold to Lebeau, Andrew by L M Rt and Pflanz, Herbert E for \$850,000 on 04/04/24

16 Flint St was sold to Berendt, Timothy and Berendt, Kimberly by Mahoney, Jonathan S and Mahoney, Meghan L for \$1,440,000 on 04/01/24

96 Macarthur Rd was sold to Craigie, Jennie P and Craigie, Benjamin R by Gjergji, Mark and Ibrahim, Krenar for \$1,150,000 on 04/05/24

TEWKSBURY

67 Brown St was sold to Mulcahy, Sydney E and Mulcahy, Christopher P by Lopolito, Christopher M and Lopolito, Christine M for \$510,000 on 04/04/24

12 Hood Rd was sold to Casey, Ryan F and Chasse, Alexandra L by Daisey, Micheal T for \$670,000 on 04/03/24

2 Melrose Ave was sold to Lmn Capital LLC by Smith, Michael J and Smith, Stephen B for \$460,000 on 04/05/24

7 Young St was sold to Tao, Meng and Chang, Hsiu by Legere, Nancy A for \$643,000 on 04/02/24

WAKEFIELD

146 Greenwood St was sold to Saint, Jean W by Greenberg, Ralph L and Greenberg, Barbara H for \$475,000 on 04/03/24

42 Harrison Ave was sold to Pothier, Lindsay by Jcg Investments LLC for \$950,000 on 04/02/24

81 Nahant St was sold to Chavkin, Andrew and Chavkin, Ellen by Szwaja, Joseph and Szwaja, Megan C for \$760,000 on 04/02/24

10 Wayland Rd was sold to Chirichetti, Darren and Chirichetti, Margaret by Salvatore J Miceli Ft and Miceli, Eric S for \$689,000 on 04/05/24

WILMINGTON

106 Andover St was sold to Brizuela, Isaiah and Carranza, Lisandra by Goodwin, Gregory for \$650,000 on 04/01/24

47 Hopkins St was sold to Brown, Daniel C and Brown, Ann M by Lily Oak Hill LLC for \$1,250,000 on 04/05/24

179 Taft Rd was sold to Hurd, Benjamin R by Hurley, Michael G and Hurley, Alicia M for \$685,000 on 04/05/24

WINCHESTER

97 Cambridge St was sold to Co, Elizabeth and Stuart, Samuel by Nelsen, Donald E and Nelsen, Lita for \$1,300,000 on 04/02/24

46 Fells Rd was sold to Morin, Randall and Duffy, Kathryn D by Kimpton, Andrew and Kimpton, Michele for \$2,050,000 on 04/04/24

47 Grove St was sold to Sherman, Bradford T and Sherman, Amy by 47 Grove LLC for \$2,400,000 on 04/04/24

18 Ridge St was sold to Blue Cedar Prop Group LLC by Vaccaro, David M by Vaccaro, Laetitia for \$1,050,000 on 04/04/24

S Border Rd #126 was sold to Cjm Builders Inc by Price, Allison R for \$790,000 on 04/01/24

6 Stevens St was sold to Mannelli, Christopher L and Mannelli, Rita by Mark Stephen Dev LLC for \$1,600,000 on 04/05/24

200 Swanton St #L25 was sold to Xiao, Mingfang by Khaghani, Farbod for \$350,000 on 04/01/24

WOBURN

126-R Dragon Ct was sold to Erickson, Susan and Federal Natl Mtg Assn for \$355,000 on 04/05/24

44 Fowle St was sold to Klein, Robert F by S End Italian Independen for \$1,235,000 on 04/03/24

10 Henderson Rd was sold to Mcdonald, Timothy W by J Michael Porter RET and Cavanaugh, Nancy for \$400,000 on 04/05/24

160-168 Main St #166 was sold to Pisapia, Rita and Pisapia, John by Mdc Main LLC for \$166,000 on 04/02/24

256 Main St #256 was sold to Souza, Joshua by Decoste, Ryan and Decoste, Elizabeth for \$410,000 on 04/04/24

607 Main St was sold to Fifth Ward Realty LLC by Arjay Rt and Mcelhiney, Sheila T for \$849,900 on 04/01/24

140 Mishawum Rd was sold to Garbino, Mark A and Babb, Katelyn R by Simeone, Raymond and Zimmerman, Marie for \$550,000 on 04/03/24

287 Place Ln #287 was sold to Le, Jennifer and Myerson, Ross by Irene A Delgreco Irt and Champa, William A for \$525,000 on 04/05/24

295 Salem St #8 was sold to Park, Tae Y by Steven V Raso T and Raso, Steven V for \$575,000 on 04/05/24

8 Senator Rd was sold to Zhou, Jian and Fan, Zhiming by Senator Road Rt and McGrath, Letitia F for \$700,000 on 04/05/24

2 Stratton Dr #1103 was sold to Monteforte, Lisa A by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$276,800 on 04/05/24

2 Stratton Dr #102 was sold to Sandhu, Rosy by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$658,380 on 04/03/24

8 Vine Brook Way #8 was sold to Kenney 3rd, Raymond J by Kenney Raymond J Est and Kenney 3rd, Raymond J for \$745,000 on 04/01/24

7 Vining Ct was sold to Toro Property Mgmt LLC by Peterson Cathy Est and Robinson, Beverly for \$520,000 on 04/03/24

WOBURN FROM B1

cil deliberations over that \$450,000 funding request.

Based upon previously agreed talks with MassDOT and Boston Metropolitan Area Planning Organization (MPO) officials, the scope of the undertaking would include a broad range of traffic, pedestrian, and cycling safety improvements within the following geographic boundaries:

- Pleasant Street from its starting point by the intersection of Winn and Main Streets by the Woburn Common to the corner of Court Street just past the city's public library;
- Main Street or Route 38 from High Street (or just past Montvale Avenue) to the opposite side of Woburn Center by Salem Street;
- The entirety of Common Street, a short thoroughway on a roundabout by Woburn City Hall that connects Pleasant Street to Main and Winn Street;
- and Montvale Avenue from its intersection with Route 38 to Greenwood Avenue.

According to the Boston MPO, a planning agency charged with establishing a funding schedule for various state and federal transportation projects, the goal of the extensive public works undertaking is to "improve safety and congestion within the Woburn Common area by making safety and Pleasant Street operational improvements, reconfiguring the Woburn Common rotary, and reconstructing and realigning roadways."

Several years ago, the regional planning agency with the blessing of Mass. Department of Transportation (MassDOT) representatives slated the project as eligible for funding by placing it on its so-called transportation improvement program (TIP) funding list for fiscal year 2025.

However, earlier this month, representatives tasked with preparing the quasi-public planning agency's newest TIP list proposed pushing out that funding date until 2029. The MPO has since voted to accept that recommendation in light of "a lack of significant design process on the project" over the past two years.

Despite the setback, Benevento, who has been consulting the city since 2014 on various potential traffic and safety improvements to the Woburn Center area, assured the City Council that the community is still all but assured that funding so long as municipal leaders jumpstart the planning and design process.

However, he warned those virtual financial guarantees could be withdrawn should the city again hit the brakes during the planning process due to potential controversies regarding common stumbling blocks like the loss of public parking, or proposed new circulation patterns along major thoroughfares, or the addition of bike lanes.

"This project is so important it got approved for funding right out of the gate. In my 40-something years of

doing this, I've never seen MassDOT or MassHighway get a project approved and then just put it on a shelf. So I'm pretty bullish on this," the Tighe & Bond engineer stated during a gathering in Woburn City Hall earlier this month.

"We'll start off [planning the design] around what MassDOT will require. We will have a tug-of-war with bicycle accommodations. I can tell you that right now," Benevento later warned. "Do I see fatal hurdles? No. The biggest hurdle would be if the city's leaders [end up walking away]."

Project history

The downtown improvement project is rooted in a 2014 roadway improvement study conducted by transportation engineers at World Tech, which proposed spending \$350,000 to add anywhere from 12 to 22 parking spaces at the Woburn Common by either blocking off or making Common Street by City Hall a one-way street.

By 2017, Woburn's Redevelopment Authority (WRA) proposed expanding that project to include the busy crossroads around the Woburn Common by City Hall, the historic Pleasant Street Library, and popular restaurants and shops clustered around Woburn Center's 'Busy Bend' off Route 38.

Per that proposal, Pleasant Street, which is currently open to one-way traffic heading from either Winn Street or two Main Street forks, would be reconfigured to a two-way thoroughfare. Another design element included the addition of a traffic light by the intersection of Pleasant, Main, and Winn Streets. Combined with the addition of an expanded pedestrian-friendly traffic island, the new signal would help facilitate the flow of two-way traffic across Winn Street to Main Street heading towards Woburn's South End and Winchester.

The following year, WorldTech appeared before the City Council to unveil revised concept plans that included a "Common Street bypass" option, which would enable vehicles heading from the Four Corners area towards Woburn Center to continue utilizing Common Street to head either straight onto Montvale Avenue or right onto Main Street towards the South End.

By 2018, MassDOT, which had identified the whole downtown area by the Woburn Common rotary as one of Mass. DOT's top 200 crash locations, got involved with the project and recommended a series of other pedestrian and cycling improvements be instituted to reduce risks to public safety.

With some city officials in recent years citing concerns

about the state's preference that bicycle lanes be included in any project receiving state funding, the general public has also criticized proposals to reconfigure the Woburn Common and move an existing war memorial to accommodate those landscaping and pedestrian access improvements.

"Early on, there was a lot of discussion about the memorial on the common," recalled Benedetto during a City Council committee meetings in April. "It was sacrosanct and we were told, 'Don't even think about touching it.' But it may need to be moved a little bit. We could make a focal point with landscaping and improving access to it, so people could actually [get across the street safely by Pleasant and Common Streets] to go and look at it."

During the latest round of talks around the project, various city councilors told both the mayor and the traffic consultant that they are committed to advancing the project and working through any controversies that arise during the initial design process.

"You've said MassDOT has been looking for this information for close to a year. This current administration and the [City] Council is very excited about this project, so I hope they take that into consideration and don't just 86 this into a barrel," said Ward 6 Councilor Lou DiMambro during a meeting in City Hall in the middle of March.

"We're about to approve a half-a-million dollars to move forward with this. So I would assume the leadership of our city and the leaders here, regardless of what hurdles we run into, are going to find a way to make this happen," Ward 5 Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen also remarked during a meeting in City Hall late last month.

Based upon Tighe & Bond's preliminary timeline, the city should set its sights on meeting the following milestones:

- Hosting an initial brainstorming design session with area businesses and residents in May, with future public outreach efforts to continue through June;
- The holding of public hearings on the city's conceptual design plans by this August or September;
- The completion of an initial design plan for submission to MassDOT by November of 2024;
- The scheduling of a MassDOT 25 percent design hearing by March of 2025;
- The scheduling of MassDOT 75 percent and 100 percent design documents by October of 2025 and early 2026, respectively;
- And the completion of the state's plans, specs, and estimates (PS&E) phase by the middle of 2026.

Tewksbury brings unique Chess Wizards program to public library starting in May

The Town of Tewksbury is pleased to announce a new partnership with Chess Wizards, which will bring youth chess classes and summer camp to Tewksbury Public Library starting in May 2024

Through the Town of Tewksbury, Chess Wizards will bring youth chess lessons, exciting tournaments, and fun team activities to the Tewksbury Public Library, located at 300 Chandler Street, Tewksbury beginning in the Spring 2024.

Chess Wizards will offer a safe, fun, and friendly environment for kids grades K-5 to learn how to play and compete in chess. Their mission is to inspire lifelong learning, both on and off the chess board as well as build relationships and communities connected through the game of

chess. Kids will experience an interactive curriculum for beginners all the way up to experienced chess players. This initial offering will have an eight-week program with class every Friday, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM, from May 3 through June 28. There will also be a weeklong summer chess camp from August 19 through August 23, offered at half-day and full-day increments.

Registration links are hosted on the newly launched "Recreation Resources" page on the Town website under the Chess Wizards subpage at www.tewksbury-ma.gov/recreation. The registration link will redirect to the Chess Wizard's online portal and requires creating a login. The registration link may be accessed via www.tewksbury-ma.gov/chesswiz

ards. Those interested can also go directly to www.chesswizards.com and search "Tewksbury" programming.

In addition to the Chess Wizards programming portal, the new webpage offers links to various Town recreation resources including youth sports, YMCA programming at the recreation center, and the library. The resources are listed as they have been most recently provided to the Town and are not exhaustive as they are updated on an ongoing basis. For organization-specific information, please contact the youth sports groups directly.

If you have questions or trouble registering for the Chess Wizards programs, please contact them directly at info@chesswizards.com

Stoneham High School Class of 1974 50th Reunion

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For more information:

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Looking forward to hearing from you!



Tewksbury Police Log

Local man arrested, charged with OUI Liquor

Monday, April 15

4:46 p.m. - Received a call reporting three juveniles on the abandoned property of Finland Property. Police sent. They searched the area but gone on arrival.

5:39 p.m. - A 911 caller from a Tewksbury State Hospital employee that there was an intoxicated 50-year old, white male, five foot nine, with white hair in the hallway sitting on the bench drinking nips. Caller reported security was currently with the male at this time. Police and ambulance sent. Officer filed a report and ambulance sent to Saints Hospital.

Tuesday, April 16

1:29 a.m. - Three vehicles in a group of people on the property of Autofair Toyota of Tewksbury. Two black sedans and one blue sedan was now located rear at the dumpster. Police sent. Two possible vehicles. Police checked the area with nothing showing.

9:37 a.m. - Staff of Extended Stay America reported they found white substance in a bag and a pipe. Police sent. They have the substance and would be destroying it. Officer filed a report.

10:54 a.m. - Caller reported three unwanted males at Motel 6. Caller tried to ask the party to vacate the room but they wouldn't. Police sent. Parties left without issue.

1:33 p.m. - Caller from Walmart reported a male party was in the bathroom huffing from spray cans. Police and ambulance sent. The ambulance transported one person to Saints Hospital. Officer filed a report.

4:25 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she just got home and found her door open at Village Green Apartments. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

5:36 p.m. - A stalking incident occurred at Market Basket North. Police sent.

Officer filed a report.

Wednesday, April 17

2:49 a.m. - A 911 caller reported people breaking into cars in the back lot at Marriott Residence Inn. Caller stated it "wasn't a big deal" and disconnected. Contacted the front desk and they were unaware of what room it was coming from or anything else going on. Police sent. After speaking with the caller. The police did not see any attempt of breaking and entering, just an individual he believed was suspicious.

12:54 p.m. - Manager from Life Storage called to report theft of money from an employee. Theft happened last night. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Thursday, April 18

10:50 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a male that was looking into garages at Patrick Road. Police sent. They spoke with the party who was leaving door tags for company that he work-

ed for called Home Aesthetics. Party was advised to abstain a solicitors permit through Town Hall.

2:23 p.m. - A 911 caller reported teenager throwing things at cars passing by at Shawshen Street and Mohawk Drive. Police sent. Police reported spoke to juveniles. They were kicking rocks and checked out.

3:34 p.m. - Caller reported a black dump truck driving erratically at Main Street and Old Boston Road. Caller reported the truck has M&F Trucking written on the side. Caller could not get the plate number. Police sent. They checked the area, but the truck was gone on arrival.

4:09 p.m. - A 911 caller reported female party in her 40s disoriented due to possibly being under the influence at Andover Street. Female was wearing a red Boston hat, white t-shirt, and jeans. A 911 caller called back and reported that the female was getting into a Uber and left. Police sent but gone on arrival.

6:56 p.m. - The customer of Mobil Stadium was threatening the caller and her employees and refused to leave the premises. Male party left toward Lowell. Police sent, but vehicle was gone on arrival. Officer

filed a report.

10:54 p.m. - A 911 caller reported there was a male with no shirt outside yelling saying that he was going to kill someone at Edgewood. Caller reported there was now two other people outside trying to get the male. Police sent. All parties spoken to and were in good health. Parties deny making any concerning statements.

Friday, April 19

2:49 p.m. - Police sent at Lowell Five ATM for a suspicious activity. There were three suspicious cars parked in the lot. One was a red Volkswagen Jetta, another was a gray Honda accord, and the last was a black SUV. Police checked the area, but got on arrival.

9:55 p.m. - A 911 caller reported damage to stickers on his cars at Marcia Jean Drive and he believed it was a hate crime. Police sent. Caller was advised to contact Brookline Police Department due to this occurring in Brookline.

Saturday, April 20

6:40 p.m. - Caller at Veranda Avenue reported receiving threatening telephone calls. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

8:53 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he heard three gunshots in Applebees Restaurant. Police sent. They checked the area and spoke to multiple people in the area. Nothing found and no other witnesses.

Sunday, April 21

1:36 a.m. - Caller stated she was away and her camera picked up a person at her side door and car in her driveway at Jay Stone. Police sent. They spoke to the party. It was the handyman. He had just come to shut off the power. He was concerned there was an issue with some electrical wires and doesn't want there to be an electrical fire.

1:08 p.m. - Caller reported a black male, bald, with a black/ brown jacket was at a table outside of Walmart and appeared to be recording her. Caller left the area. Police sent. They spoke to loss prevention and the male party was allowed to be there.

6:21 p.m. - Caller reported a motor vehicle being driven erratically on Livingston Street southbound passing the park. Police sent. Michael Kelly, 61, of 110 Northgate Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor and negligent operation of motor vehicle.



Wilmington Police Log

Local man arrested after car allegedly seen swerving

Friday, April 12:

9:01 a.m.: A white 2022 Chevy Colorado and a gray 2011 Honda Accord were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Woburn Street.

12:32 p.m.: A gray 2009 Hyundai Elantra and a black 2016 Ford Expedition were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Middlesex Avenue. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

8:29 p.m.: A black 2022 Honda HR-V struck the left side of a blue 2021 Chevy Camaro while driving through the parking lot of the Market Basket on Main Street. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, April 13:

6:16 a.m.: A condemned home on West Street was found to have the front door cracked open. No one was found inside the house, and it appears that someone broke in through the back door and exited through the front.

11:54 a.m.: La Von Anthony Mitchell of 200 Woodview Way, Apt. #2203, in Andover, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his black 2016 BMW X4 on Middlesex Avenue.

3:22 p.m.: A white 2018 Ford F150 hit a motorcycle on Lowell Street. No injuries were reported, and the motorcycle was able to drive away after the accident.

Sunday, April 14:

6:02 p.m.: A mail truck rear-ended a gray 2021 Mazda CX-9 on Kiernan Avenue.

7:37 p.m.: Timothy J Pilcher of 33 Clark St., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for OUI-Drugs, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and a marked lanes violation. This followed a caller reporting that his white 2019 Ford Ranger was swerving all over Church Street.

Monday, April 15:

5:02 a.m.: Wilmington police were called to assist with security at the Boston Marathon.

2:25 p.m.: The driver of a white 2018 Ford Transit reported a hit-and-run on the Rt. 125 highway and I-93 SB Rt. 35 Ramp. The Ford sustained minor damage to the driver's side mirror, and believes the other vehicle was a Honda Pilot.

Tuesday, April 16:

11:54 a.m.: An employee from Cumberland Farms reported an older woman

was inside the store, attempting to obtain a large amount of Bitcoin, appearing shaken up. The employee tried talking to her, to see if it was a scam related incident. Police were able to make contact with the woman, and went to check her computer and her bank account to see if they were compromised.

12:21 p.m.: A gray 2009 Nissan Altima and a black 2023 Volkswagen Atlas were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Middlesex Avenue.

Wednesday, April 17:

3 p.m.: A gray 2010 Honda Pilot and a brown 2016 Mazda Mazda3 were involved in a motor vehicle accident in the parking lot of the Savers on Main Street. Witnesses report the driver of the Honda Pilot left the scene moments before police arrival, denied causing damage despite multiple witnesses, and left without exchanging info. Police were unable to find the op-

erator of the Honda Pilot.

5:30 p.m.: A white 2008 Ford Ranger and a white 2023 Ford F450 were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Lowell Street. No injuries were reported.

5:38 p.m.: A male party pulled into the back lot of Webber Terrace on Main Street, got out of his vehicle, and started urinating on the ground. The caller who reported this stated he seemed unsteady on his feet. Police were able to drive the man home, and a neighbor took his vehicle home.

Thursday, April 18:

12:12 p.m.: Flavio Rodri-

gues Gomes of 48 Lake Ave., in Woburn, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding. This followed a stop of his black 2016 Jeep Cherokee on Aldrich Road.

5:47 p.m.: Multiple callers reported a motor vehicle accident between a gray 2013 Honda Civic and a brown 2014 Honda Odyssey on Main Street.

8:01 p.m.: Robert Scott McKinnon of 27 Alcott Way, in North Andover, was issued a summons for shoplifting by asportation. This followed loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reporting they had a man detained.

Enax awarded Honorable Mention in the WPI President's Interactive Qualifying Project's Awards

WORCESTER — Two undergraduate project teams from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) were awarded honorable mention for the President's Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP) Awards.

Mikaela Enax, class of 2024, majoring in Biomedical Engineering was a member of one of these teams. Hundreds of Interactive Qualifying Projects are completed each year by WPI students as part of their graduation requirements. A fraction of those are then submitted to be considered for a President's IQP Award. Five student teams gave their final presentations in front of a panel of judges to determine the winners of the 2023 awards. Presented annually, the President's IQP Awards are given to student teams whose IQP work is determined to be

outstanding in its focus on science, technology, and society.

The IQP is one of the most distinctive elements of the WPI Plan and WPI's signature project-based curriculum, giving every WPI student the experience of working in interdisciplinary teams to solve a problem or need that lies at the intersection of science and society.

Unlike an academic course, this nine-credit-hour requirement involves students working in teams, with students not in their major, to tackle an issue that relates science, engineering, and technology to society. Sustainability serves as a common theme for IQPs, many of which address problems related to energy, environment, sustainable development, education, cultural preservation,

and technology policy. The Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP) is one of the biggest accomplishments for a WPI student and a signature element of the project-based learning curriculum. Read more about this year's President's IQP Awards here.

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems.

Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology

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Local students earn academic honors at St. John's Prep

DANVERS — St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2023-2024 school year, which ended on March 24, 2023. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in

all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the Second Quarter 2023-

2024.

TEWKSBURY

Head of School List
• William Forsyth '27

Honor Roll
• Chayanan Nazarian '27

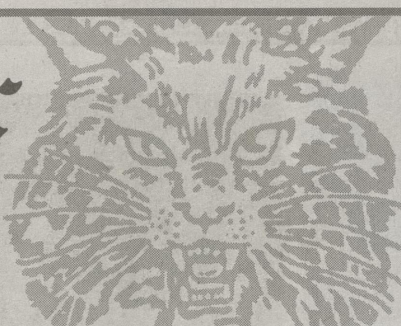
WILMINGTON

Head of School List

- James Callahan '24
- Ryan Gallozzi '29
- Christopher Morad '28
- Matthew Norton '28

Honor Roll

- Jake Arsenault '27
- Justin Gallozzi '29
- Jonathan Morad '25
- John Salvador '29



Track teams fall to Burlington

▼ Alexis LeBlanc competes in the long jump.

(Courtesy photo)

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The Wilmington High boys and girls track teams both lost against Burlington on Wednesday, April 17 at Burlington High School.

The boys lost by a score of 108-28 and were led by Martin Philiossaint, who scored nine points. The girls lost by a score of 81-55 and were led by Maddie Krueger, Alexis LeBlanc and Addy Hunt, who each scored 10 points.

In the boys meet, Philiossaint won the 200-meter dash in 24.43 seconds.

Philiossaint scored in three events in all, also taking second in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, 4 inches and third in the triple jump with a leap of 39 feet, 3.5 inches.

WHS took second and third in three events.

In the two mile, Dean Ciampa was a runner up in 10:48.03 and David Dynan was third in 11:12.15. Ciampa also scored second-place points in the mile in

4:52.67.

Two other Wildcats scored in multiple events.

Sean Patrone was second in the high jump after clearing 5 feet, 8 inches and third in the 110-meter hurdles in 17.34 seconds.

Aidan Burke was second in the javelin with a distance of 138 feet, 5 inches and third in both the 400-meter hurdles in 1:04.85 and the long jump (18 feet, 10 inches).

Marvins Jean was Wilmington's other scorer, taking second in the triple jump with a distance of 39 feet, 9.75 inches.

For the girls, Wilmington had big performances from Addy Hunt, Mollie Osgood and Alexis LeBlanc.

Hunt won two events, taking the mile in 5:38.51 and the 800-meter run in 2:35.27.

LeBlanc also won two races, capturing the 100-meter dash in 13.07 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 26.82 seconds.

Osgood scored in two events, taking first in the high jump after clearing 5

feet and taking second in the triple jump with a distance of 31 feet, 1 inch.

Maddie Krueger was the other double winner for the Wildcats, taking the shot put with a distance of 30 feet, 1.5 inches and the discus with a throw of 75 feet, 9 inches.

Wilmington also won the 4x400 relay behind the foursome of Olivia Niceforo, Maeve White, Charlotte Kiley and Isabel Carriere with a time of 4:46.55.

Kiley also scored in the 800-meter run, placing third with a time of 2:43.17.

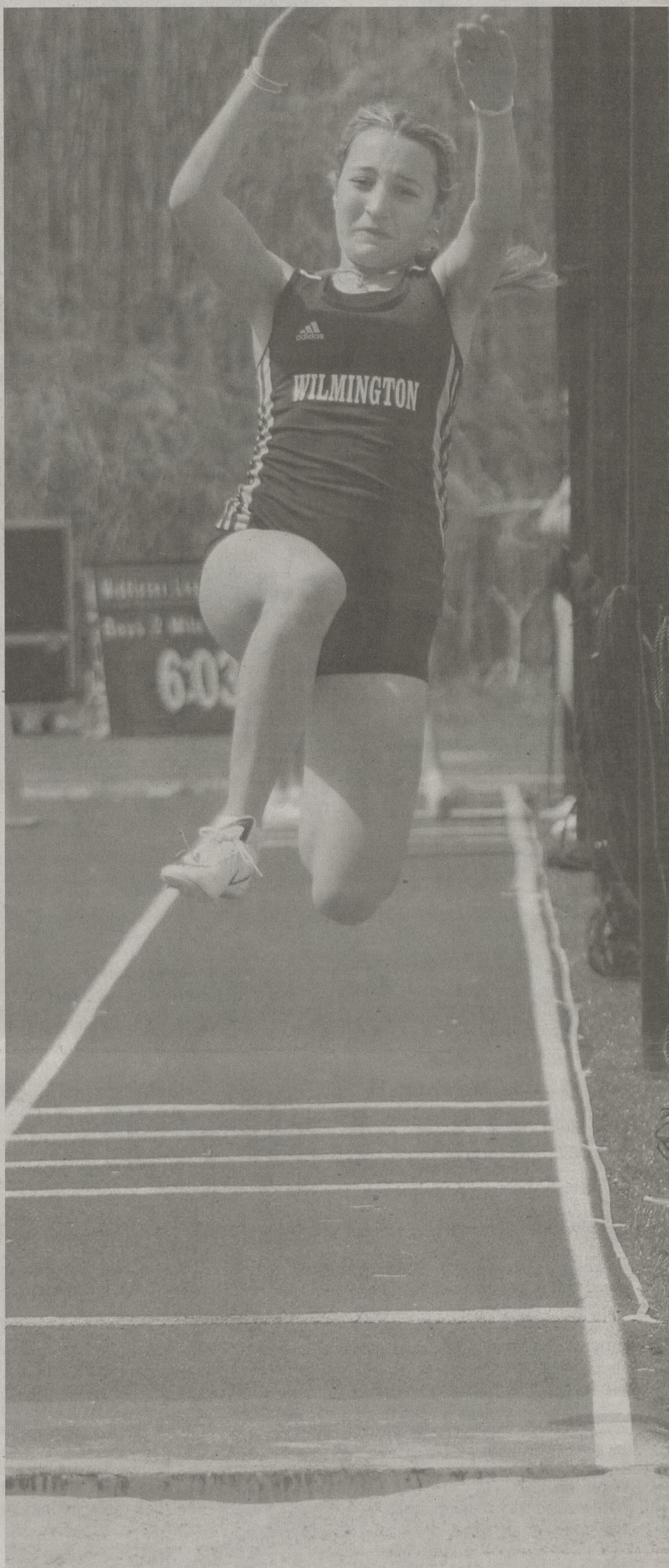
Scoring additional second-place points for Wilmington was Isabel Carriere in the 400 meter run in 1:05.8, Mia Stryhalaleck in the two mile run in 13:55.26 and Anna Jancsics, who was third in the javelin with a distance of 76 feet, 4 inches.

Contributing third-place points was Kayleigh Walker in the 100-meter dash (13.81 seconds) and Tessa Cappione in the two mile (16:07.30).



◀ Addy Hunt runs to victory in the mile.

(Courtesy photo)



▲ Dean Ciampa runs the two mile against Burlington.

(Courtesy photo)



◀ Sean Patrone pulls away from a Burlington runner during a recent meet.

(Courtesy photo)

WHS girls lacrosse falls to Methuen

Offense looks good in disappointing loss to Rangers

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Possession is everything in high school lacrosse.

Without a shot clock, teams can hold the ball for as long as they please, strategizing how they want to control the pace of the game. Often times, the team who holds possession for the most

amount of time will walk away in the win column.

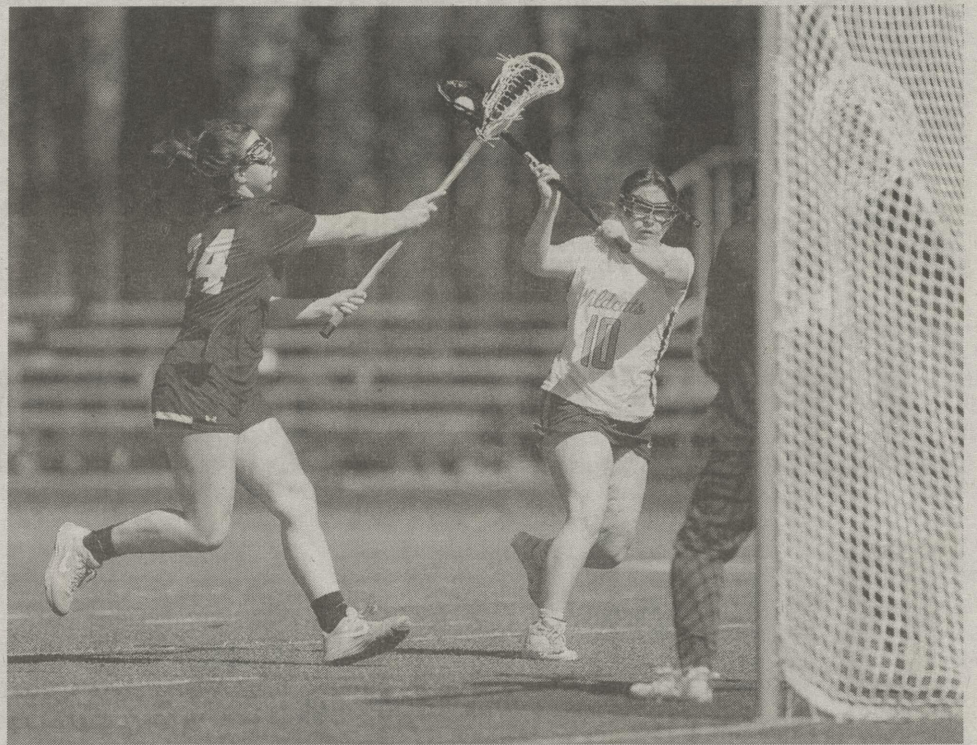
So when the Wilmington High School girls lacrosse team committed five yellow cards in a 16-10 loss to Methuen, the odds weren't in their favor.

Leah Murphy and Maddie Sainato each netted hat tricks, but Wilmington's infractions kept the ball out of their sticks for the ma-

jority of the game on Wednesday at Alumni Field. Gabby Kulevich also scored a pair of goals in the defeat.

"The story of the game was getting yellow cards," said WHS coach Chris Frissore.

"Once you get to four cards, you play man-down for the rest of the game. Honestly, that was probably the most upset I've been



▲ Wilmington's Maddie Sainato takes a shot on net and scores during the second quarter against Methuen. (James Thomas Photography)

after a lacrosse game." When the Wildcats held possession, their offense

was flowing like a well-oiled machine. The problem was, they

weren't given enough time to provide Wilmington with a chance to win.

"Offensively, we play pretty well," Frissore said. "We move the ball through transition pretty well, sometimes it just comes down the focus. I think we could have won that game if we played more smart. We just weren't playing up to our potential, and the cards killed us. We were scoring easily when we had the ball, but it's tough to get the ball when you're man-down the whole game."

To avoid situations like this in the future, the 'Cats have devoted substantial practice time to limiting stick penalties.

"We've been practicing without sticks," Frissore said. "A lot of it is bad stick checking."

We got a little accustomed to swinging the stick, and we can't be doing that. We've been working on defense playing without a stick and moving our feet. Hopefully we can turn it around on that end."

Wilmington will look to do just that in a four-game slate this week against Shawheen (Tuesday), Stoneham (Wednesday), Watertown (Friday), and North Reading (Monday).

Wilmington's Lindsay Broussard makes a pass attempt as she is surrounded by a sea of Methuen defenders. (James Thomas Photography)



Baseball rallies past Burlington

Walkoff hit by Spencer completes dramatic comeback

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While the Wilmington High baseball team certainly wasn't happy after its 13-4 loss to Melrose last Wednesday, the way the Wildcats bounced back in their next game sure had the team smiling.

WHS rallied to defeat

Burlington by a 9-8 score to improve to 5-1 overall and earn a big win in the Middlesex League's Freedom Division standings.

Wilmington trailed Burlington by a 4-0 score after a half-inning of play before rallying.

The 'Cats scored five times in the third inning and twice more in the sixth for a 7-4 advantage.

Burlington plated four runs in the top of the seventh to regain the lead, 8-7, but the Wildcats would tie the game and force extra innings.

Noah Spencer then hit the game-winning double in the bottom of the ninth inning to send Wilmington home winners.

Austin Harper tossed the first three innings of

the mound for Wilmington before Ayden Balter came in for relief and went the final six frames to earn the victory.

Offensively, Connor Lovell went 3 for 5 and drove in three runs to lead the way.

Brian Banks was 3 for 3 and drew a walk while also chalking up two RBIs.

Spencer drove in two while other RBIs went to Michael Dynan and Balter.

Eric Spinney contributed two hits to the attack while Harper also had a walk, drew a walk and scored twice.

Against Melrose, a seven-run second inning by the Raiders put the visitors on top 11-0 after the

first 2.5 innings.

Wilmington scored four runs in the bottom of the third, but never could get back into the game.

Highlights included five-plus innings of good relief from Kyle Gabaree and two RBIs from Spencer.

Banks and Lovell also drove in runs while Mike Dynan was 2 for 4.

Two big wins for softball

Wildcats knock off defending state champs

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The Wilmington High softball team upped its record to 5-1 in recent action with wins over Burlington and Masconomet Regional. Last Monday, the Wild-

cats suffered a mercy-rule shortened 12-0 loss to Tewksbury, but certainly bounced back in style.

On Monday, Wilmington defeated Masconomet by a score of 6-3 in eight innings.

WHS scored three times in the top of the eighth to

take the win.

With one out, leadoff batter Ali McElligott singled (her third hit of contest) and stole second.

Lily Mackenzie walked and Eva Boudreau hit a sacrifice fly to center advancing the runners. Sofia Tentindo was intentional-

ly walked to load the bases before Erin McCarthy hit a hard line drive to second base which couldn't be fielded cleanly, scoring McElligott for the go-ahead run.

Julia Archer then doubled to center plating two more additional runs.

Freshmen pitcher Izzy Maiella closed out the victory on the mound.

Against Burlington, Wilmington trailed 1-0 early but scored three times in the third and fifth innings to take command and win, 7-3.

McElligott was 1 for 4 and

drove in two runs and Olivia Raposa was 1 for 3 with three RBIs.

Archer went 2 for 3 with a stolen base and three runs scored and Eva Boudreau went 2 for 4 and scored a run. Charlotte Forcina walked twice, had an RBI and scored a run.

Wilmington High tennis:

Huge win for WHS boys

Depth a key as Wildcats top Burlington, 3-2

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The Wilmington High boys tennis team earned a big 3-2 win over Burlington on Monday, improving the Wildcats to 3-2 overall.

After falling to Lexington and Arlington to open the season, the 'Cats have beat Stoneham (5-0), Watertown (5-0) and Burlington in succession.

In the Stoneham win, senior captain Anuj Gand-

hi was playing first singles for Wilmington while senior captain Sidd Karani was at the No. 2 spot. Nick DiGiovanni played third singles.

In doubles, Eric Packer and Jay Karani won at the top spot while Sarthak Tripathi and Monty Benevise were winners at second doubles.

Against Watertown, Ryan Weinstein won at third singles and second doubles was a win by DiGiovanni and Tripathi.

In the Burlington match,

Wilmington's depth proved critical as the 'Cats won at third singles with DiGiovanni and took both doubles positions. Weinstein and Jay Karani won at first doubles, saving two match points in the process, while Packer and Tripathi were winners at No. 2 doubles.

GIRLS FALL TO RED DEVILS

The Wilmington High girls tennis team faced Burlington in a key Middlesex League Freedom

Division showdown on April 22.

While the Wildcats didn't win, WHS gave the Red Devils all they could handle before falling by a 3-2 score.

Wilmington (2-3) won at first and second singles before falling in three close decisions on the other courts.

At No. 1 singles, Savannah Beatrice of Wilmington topped Burlington's Mason Alongi, 6-3, 6-3. At second singles, Jaslene Ry-

ou of Wilmington cruised to victory over Sonali Patel by scores of 6-0, 6-2.

Burlington would win the rest of the matches.

At No. 3 singles, Wilmington's Shubhangi Tripathi lost to Shreya Patel, 6-4, 6-2.

Both doubles matches were down to the wire.

At No. 2 doubles, Maria Cummings and Alison D'Arco of Wilmington fell against Burlington's Phoenix Mahoney and Therese Kosinski, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

At first doubles, Sophia LaVita and Madison Ben-

oit lost a close match to Burlington's Jules Piscatelli and Allesia Pedrucci.

It was the first Freedom Division loss of the season for the 'Cats, who topped Watertown and Stoneham in its other division matches by a combined score of 9-1.

In a 4-1 win over Watertown, Beatrice and Tripathi won in singles while doubles victories went to LaVita and Benoit at one and Cummings and D'Arco at two.



▲ Kara Clayton and Nadia Moustafa compete in the hurdles for Shawsheen.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Shawsheen track teams start 1-1

Rams sweep Northeast after dropping opener

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After dropping the opening meet of the season against Greater Lawrence, the Shawsheen Tech track and field teams rebounded by defeating Northeast Regional.

The girls won by a score of 89-46 while the boys cruised to a 98-38 victory.

The boys swept four events against Northeast.

In the 100-meter dash, senior Zachary Rogers was first in 11.89 seconds, senior John McLaughlin was second and junior Trent Wedge was third.

The mile was won by Shawsheen junior Noah Brooks in 5:02.25 with senior Gordon Noble taking second and senior Henri Boulanger taking third.

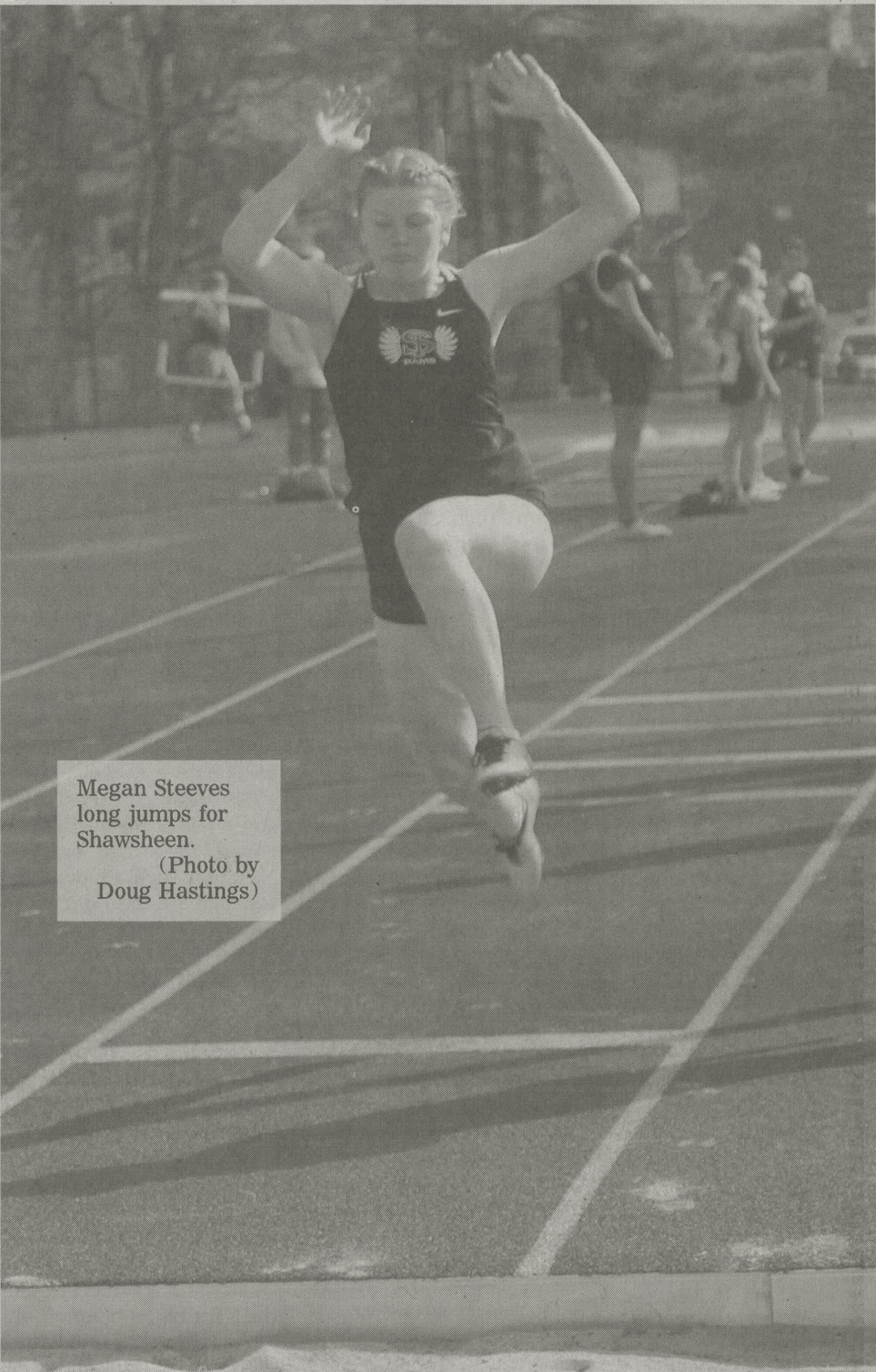
The boys also went 1-2-3 in both the shot put and the discus.

Senior Joshua Caruso won the shot put with a distance of 39 feet, 9.5 inches and took second in the discus.

Senior Mason O'Rourke won the discus, throwing 106 feet, 2 inches.

Rogers was second in the shot put and sophomore Connor Flynn was third in both events.

The Rams took first and third in the 200-meter dash as Rogers won in 24.3 seconds and Wedge was third.



Megan Steeves long jumps for Shawsheen.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)



Matt Ramsey triple jumps for the Rams.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

In the 800-meter run, Brooks was the winner in 2:11.35 and senior William Biscan was second.

Biscan won the two mile for the Rams in 11:09.67 with teammate Logan Pyles, a senior, placing second.

Other victories for the boys came in both relays with the 4x100 foursome of Wedge, Rogers, McLaughlin and junior Ethan Melanson and the 4x400 combination of Biscan, Brooks, Melanson and junior Jason Spaniol.

In the javelin, Wedge earned five more points with a first-place throw of 124 feet, 8 inches and junior Michael Ware took second.

Senior Matthew Ramsey won the triple jump with a distance of 38 feet, 2 inches and senior Donald Alphonse was third.

Chipping in with additional second-place points for the Rams was Ramsey in the 110-meter hurdles, Brooks in the long jump, freshman Kevin Pio in the 400-meter hurdles and sophomore Derek Mulik in the high jump.

Scoring third-place points for Shawsheen was O'Rourke in the 400-meter run, Pio in the 110 hurdles, freshman Hadi Sibay in the 400 hurdles and Melanson in the long jump.

The girls used their depth to beat Northeast.

The field events sparked the Rams to victory.

In the throws, Shawsheen outscored Northeast by a 23-4 margin.

The Rams swept the javelin with a trio of senior Gabriela Walazek, junior Melissa Lavine and senior Addison Dunham. In the discus, junior Makayla Nolan was first with a distance of 91 feet, 3.5 inches and Walazek was second.

In the shot put, Nolan won with a throw of 32 feet and Dunham was third.

The jumps saw the Rams win 16 of 27 points.

Nolan won the high jump and the triple jump and sophomore Micayla King was third in the triple jump.

In the long jump, junior Megan Steeves was second and junior Kendra Minghella was third.

On the track, Shawsheen won five of 10 races.

The 4x400 relay was won by Rams Minghella, sophomore Kara Clayton, junior Tara Clark and junior Amelia Matzke.

In the 400-meter hurdles, Clayton was first and sophomore Nadia Moustafa was second. The 100-meter hurdles were won by senior Arianna Farrell with freshman Eloise Krochune placing third.

The Rams also went 1-2 in the mile and the 400-meter run.

Clayton won the 400 in 1:13.84 and Clark was second while junior Corrine Foley won the mile in 7:24.44 and King was second.

In the four individual races won by Northeast, Shawsheen took both second and third.

Sophomore Shea Kelley and Steeves went 2-3 in the 100-meter dash while Kelley and freshman Paige Gallant were second and third in the 200-meter dash.

In the 800, the two and three spots were claimed by Matzke and freshman Katelyn Perkins.

Foley was second in the two mile and Krochune claimed third.

Against Greater Lawrence, the boys fell by a 76-60 score and the girls were defeated by Greater Lawrence, 87-49.

Winners for the girls included Matzke in the 800, Steeves in the long jump, Nolan in the shot put and the discus and the 4x100 relay team of Farrell, Minghella, Kelley and Steeves.

Victories for the boys went to Rogers in the 200, Biscan in the two mile, Mulik in the high jump, the 4x400 relay of Biscan, Melanson, Brooks and junior Sid Tildsley. Tildsley also won the javelin and the long jump.

GIRLS LACROSSE WINS EASILY

Scoring isn't going to be an issue.

The Shawsheen Tech girls lacrosse team upped its record to 4-1 overall and 4-0 against Commonwealth Athletic Conference competition with a 14-2 thrashing of Northeast Regional on Monday in Wakefield.

Mia Vacha was the winning goalie.

Six different players had at least one point in the win for the Rams.

Izzy Ferguson paced the offense with six points, two goals and four assists, while Fiona Rexford and Judith Sloman each had four goals.

Riley Rourke scored three times for Shawsheen and Cera Salter had the other goal.

Leah Hanafin added an assist in the victory.

Prior to the Northeast win, Shawsheen topped Lowell Catholic by a 13-5 score on April 11.

Sloman and Rourke were the top scorers for the Rams with four goals each while Rexford added two tallies.

Also scoring for the Rams was Salter, Adriana Kepple and Natalia Portillo-Pitta.

2024 Boston Marathon Wilmington/Tewksbury results

Bib Number	Full Name	Age On Race Day	Gender	City	OfficialTime	Rank Overall	Rank Over Gender	Rank Over Division	Event Group
1329	Chris Orlando	27	M	Tewksbury	2:36:44	284	261	229	Runners
1445	Lucas Parsons	29	M	Tewksbury	2:54:09	1768	1689	1312	Runners
9722	Nichole Staudé	37	F	Tewksbury	3:05:12	3712	312	263	Runners
12849	Tammy Chow	33	F	Tewksbury	3:20:58	7121	1354	1062	Runners
17083	Allyson Casey	45	F	Tewksbury	3:23:08	7673	1598	108	Runners
16812	Lauren Charbonnier	36	F	Tewksbury	3:26:08	8428	1923	1450	Runners
18157	Kevin Christie	66	M	Tewksbury	3:43:12	12705	8556	61	Runners
22771	Trish Bourne	60	F	Tewksbury	3:49:21	14114	4875	45	Runners
22194	Lisa Maciel	53	F	Tewksbury	4:16:04	18485	7263	737	Runners
23462	Kathy Charbonnier	63	F	Tewksbury	4:18:23	18767	7410	200	Runners
21682	Carmela Taveras	61	F	Tewksbury	4:24:08	19419	7738	232	Runners
24132	Nick Wilson	36	M	Tewksbury	4:24:50	19506	11678	4098	Runners
25016	Michael Doherty	54	M	Tewksbury	4:28:29	19927	11882	1578	Runners
25791	Jennifer Dillon	38	F	Tewksbury	4:31:45	20260	8189	3602	Runners
24979	Jessica Lebrun	38	F	Tewksbury	4:50:59	21987	9088	3907	Runners
24036	Jonathan Duggan	48	M	Tewksbury	4:56:20	22453	13090	2020	Runners
25537	Kelly Golini	24	F	Tewksbury	4:57:02	22520	9346	4016	Runners
28182	Kayla Pierce	34	F	Tewksbury	4:58:48	22664	9410	4039	Runners
25858	Courtney Curtin	20	F	Tewksbury	5:53:40	25138	10694	4575	Runners
28980	Jacob Desantis	29	M	Tewksbury	5:58:22	25278	14459	4823	Runners
2937	Blake Raymond	38	M	Wilmington	2:49:58	1273	1219	980	Runners
10360	Christopher Montgomery	45	M	Wilmington	3:07:12	4095	3689	392	Runners
6419	Nathaniel Olson	40	M	Wilmington	3:28:29	9116	6847	1293	Runners
10741	Jill Chisholm	52	F	Wilmington	3:30:10	9600	2463	71	Runners
21432	Jessica Stryhalaleck	47	F	Wilmington	4:15:00	18348	7189	1309	Runners
24928	Keith McDonald	40	M	Wilmington	4:17:56	18722	11293	1716	Runners
27979	Nancy Lively	58	F	Wilmington	4:33:01	20387	8258	592	Runners
24316	Kelli Pertler	38	F	Wilmington	4:54:39	22310	9252	3981	Runners
26169	Daniel Buckelew	41	M	Wilmington	5:04:30	23015	13381	1881	Runners
25788	Minda Qyrfycki	44	F	Wilmington	5:08:24	23220	9695	1456	Runners
26499	Andrew Amendola	40	M	Wilmington	5:20:16	23844	13785	1917	Runners
28687	Brittany Desiato	30	F	Wilmington	5:32:03	24382	10289	4414	Runners
24360	Jamie Spinazola	25	F	Wilmington	5:34:46	24489	10350	4440	Runners
25517	Alison Cizowski	41	F	Wilmington	5:38:43	24650	10438	1556	Runners

Shawsheen track teams top Northeast, even record at 1-1

SHAWSHEEN FROM PAGE B7W

Alexis Fox and Portillo-Pitta led Shawsheen defensively.

The Rams started the season with a 10-7 win against Greater Lowell and a 19-10 win against Mystic Valley before a non-league clash with Tewksbury that saw the Merrimack Valley Conference squad beat Shawsheen, 14-3.

Against Tewksbury, Ferguson, Sloman and Rexford had goals for the Rams.

In the Mystic Valley win, Sloman erupted for eight goals.

Ferguson and Portillo-Pitta added three apiece, Rexford added two, Alexis Fox, Salter and Rourke all chipped in with goals.

Maya Noyes sparked the defense.

After hosting Wilmington on Tuesday, the Rams are back on the field Thursday when they play Nashoba Tech at 4 p.m. in Billerica.

BOYS LACROSSE STILL UNDEFEATED

The Shawsheen Tech boys lacrosse team upped its record to 4-0 on Monday by easily defeating visiting Northeast Regional, 14-2.

Three Rams had five points in the victory.

Shawn Ricchi and Zack Timmons both finished with three goals and two assists while Chase Darcy contributed two goals and three assists.

Kyle Gray had four points with a goal and three assists.

Teagan Ledoux came up big for Shawsheen with three goals.

Other Ram goals were scored by Quinn Carbone and Jack Martins.

In goal, Shawsheen's tandem of Nate Malandain and Quinn Guinane split the duties with Guinane playing the first 30 minutes and allowing one goal before Malandain played

the final 18 minutes, allowing one goal.

Shawsheen starts a six-game road trip that started Tuesday at Nashoba Tech and continues Friday with a trip to Haverhill for a 4 p.m. game against Whitier Tech.

AC TOPS RAM SOFTBALL

In a wild game at Shawsheen Tech on Monday, visiting Arlington Catholic outlasted the Rams by a score of 20-12.

The Rams trailed 11-3 at one point and 17-6 in the fourth inning, but never quit.

Shawsheen scored three times in the first, third and fourth innings, added another run in the fifth and two more in the seventh.

Frankie Reardon had a memorable day for Shawsheen, going 5 for 5 with two RBIs and three runs scored.

Claire Murphy went 2 for 2 and drew three walks, driving in a run and scoring once.

Alivia Imbimbo had a solid afternoon from the leadoff spot, going 2 for 3, walking twice, scoring three runs and finishing with an RBI.

Lindsay Scalse had three RBIs and drew a pair of walks and Kayla Mason was 1 for 2 with a pair of runs driven in and drew a walk.

Gianna Caruso and Stephanie MacKeen also had RBIs for Shawsheen.

Caruso and Haylee Johnston added hits for the Rams.

Shawsheen (2-2) next visits Greater Lowell on Thursday before hosting Northeast Regional the following Thursday at 5 p.m.

RARE LOSS FOR TENNIS TEAM

On Monday, Shawsheen's

tennis team fell to Greater Lowell by a 5-2 score. It was the first loss to the Gryphons by the Rams in five years.

Shawsheen won at the top two singles spots as Ethan Hines won 10-1 at No. 1 and Trevor Engel pulled out a 10-8 win at second singles.

The Rams lost two close matches at third and fourth singles.

Jake Metcalfe fell by a 10-5 score at No. 3 and Faith Martin was edged 10-6 at No. 4.

Shawsheen's doubles teams were Parker Jones and Christian Rivera at the top spot, Sarah and Jasmine Johansen at two and Ella Haynes and Teddy Buczynski at third doubles.

The Rams started the season with three wins.

In a 7-0 sweep against Nashoba Tech, Shawsheen lost just six total games.

All four singles players won by 10-1 scores including Hines, Engel, Martin and Josh Powderly.

Doubles winners were Jones and Rivera at one, Sarah and Jasmine Johansen at two and Haynes and Buczynski at three.

In a 5-2 win over Fellowship, Shawsheen swept the singles with a lineup of Hines, Engel, Dan O'Mahoney and Martin. Buczynski and Haynes earned the fifth Shawsheen point.

The Rams opened the year with a 7-0 sweep over Mystic Valley.

Hines, Engel, Metcalfe and Martin were singles winners while the doubles victories went to Rivera and Jones, Jasmine and Sarah Johansen and Haynes and Buczynski.

TWO MORE WINS FOR BASEBALL

Solid pitching and defense did the trick for the Shawsheen Tech baseball team last week as the Rams edged Lowell Catholic on Friday, 2-1, and



Don Alphonse flies through the air for the Rams during the triple jump. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

blanked Greater Lowell last Wednesday, 3-0.

Lukas Poirier for Shawsheen and Seamus Scott for Lowell Catholic had an excellent pitcher's duel.

Poirier tossed six innings of four-hit ball, with nine strikeouts.

"He was stellar in his performance," said Ram coach Brian McCarthy, "and his batterymate, catcher Robbie Welch, called a great game behind the plate."

With the score 1-1 into the seventh inning, the winning run for Shawsheen was scored in the top of the seventh inning when Will Trach laced a solid base hit up the middle before Dyllon Pratt laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt, which advanced the runner all the way to third base. That set the stage for Ryan Jamieson to rope a sacrifice fly to center field for the RBI and go-ahead run.

Welch scored Shawsheen's first run.

Against Greater Lowell, Trach tossed a complete-game, two-hit, shutout with



Nadia Moustafa lands after long jumping against Northeast. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

nine strikeouts.

Offensively, Brendan Lee had a clutch RBI double in the fifth inning, Will Hol-

loway had a hit and scored twice and Welch had a hit and scored a run.



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Spring Cleaning: Don't Toss That 'Junk,' It May Be Valuable!

(StatePoint) From baseball cards and sports equipment to postcards and photographs, is that "junk" in your attic or basement dusty treasure or just dusty? We've all heard of families getting rich from the sale of rare memorabilia they found when spring cleaning.

A little time spent determining if items are valuable and where to sell them can pay off in the long run.

"The sale of older sports cards, postcards and photographs can yield thousands of dollars, even tens of thousands or more for the right ones," says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions, an internet sports auction house that helps families identify and sell valuable sports cards and memorabilia.

Crisafulli has assisted people in selling tens of millions of dollars of baseball card collections, autographs, sports equipment and more. Such sales can be life changing. In one instance, he researched a family's old baseball bat and proved it was game used by Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig. His

Love of the Game Auctions sold it for almost half a million dollars, a figure which would top a million dollars today.

Here are some of his tips to determine if your sports collectibles are valuable:

The Older, the Better with Cards

Vintage sports cards from the early periods of sports are collectible, especially Hall of Famers. Do you have stars from the 1960s, 1950s or earlier? Look for names like Mickey Mantle, Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner or Ty Cobb. Even non-star cards can be valuable, especially in nice condition with sharp corners and no creases.

Really early cards from the 1880s through the 1930s are particularly desirable, such as those by tobacco, gum and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet Caporal, American Caramel, Goudey or Diamond Stars.

When determining where to sell cards and memorabilia, focus on a specialty auction house, such as Love of the Game, which employs trained experts in re-

searching sports ephemera, and maintains bidder lists of sports collectors. More information is available at loveofthegameauctions.com.

Don't Overlook Memorabilia and Equipment

Cards aren't the only potentially valuable things. Look for older promotional and advertising ephemera spotlighting sports stars, especially items that promote sporting goods, food or tobacco brands. Ads from magazines aren't valuable, but store displays, signs and premiums can be pricey.

Old sporting goods and equipment, such as balls, bats, gloves and uniforms, can also be valuable, especially if you had a family member who played minor or major league sports. Note that items from before the 1960s are highly collected. Also look for equipment endorsed by star players. Condition matters, but game-used equipment from professionals can be valuable in almost any condition.

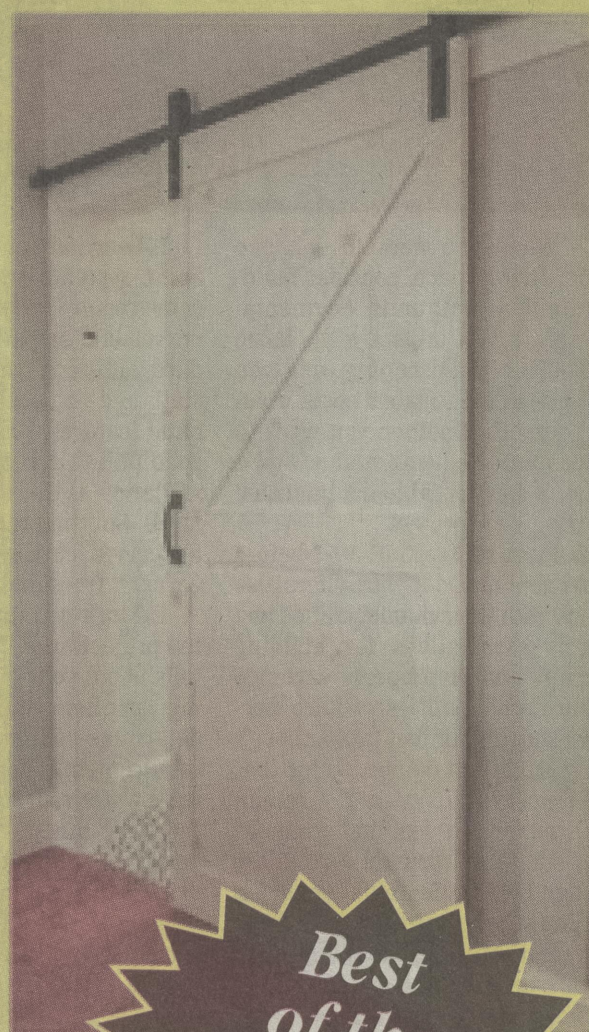
Save Postcards and Photographs

If you have old photographs, cabinet cards or postcards of sports stars or ballparks, they should be evaluated. Those from pre-1960 can be expensive. Look for early "real photo" postcards from the 1900s through the 1940s, which are photographs printed on postcard backs.

Popular stars are key, meaning original images like Babe Ruth or early ballparks can be valuable, as opposed to images of your family members playing sports or of popular vacation destinations. When examining photographs, look for markings on the back, such as photographer, publication and date stamps. Also set aside cabinet cards, which are photographs from the 1880s through the 1930s adhered to cardboard stock.

"A good rule of thumb is that the older a sports item is, the more valuable it might be, especially from before the 1950s going back to the 1880s," says Crisafulli.

This spring cleaning season, don't rush to haul "junk" to the curb. Examine it first.



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What every homeowner should know about the new clean energy tax credit

(BPT) - Whether you are in the market for a new home or ready to upgrade your current residence, investing in energy-efficient home improvements could help you save money thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act.

Signed into law in August 2022, the federally funded Inflation Reduction Act includes a record \$370 billion reserved spending for energy initiatives, including significant tax credits, rebates and other incentives for homeowners who replace or upgrade their HVAC systems, appliances and insulation. Combined with additional state, local and manufacturer's programs, these energy-efficient home improvements can help you save considerably at tax time - and lower your utility bills in the long run.

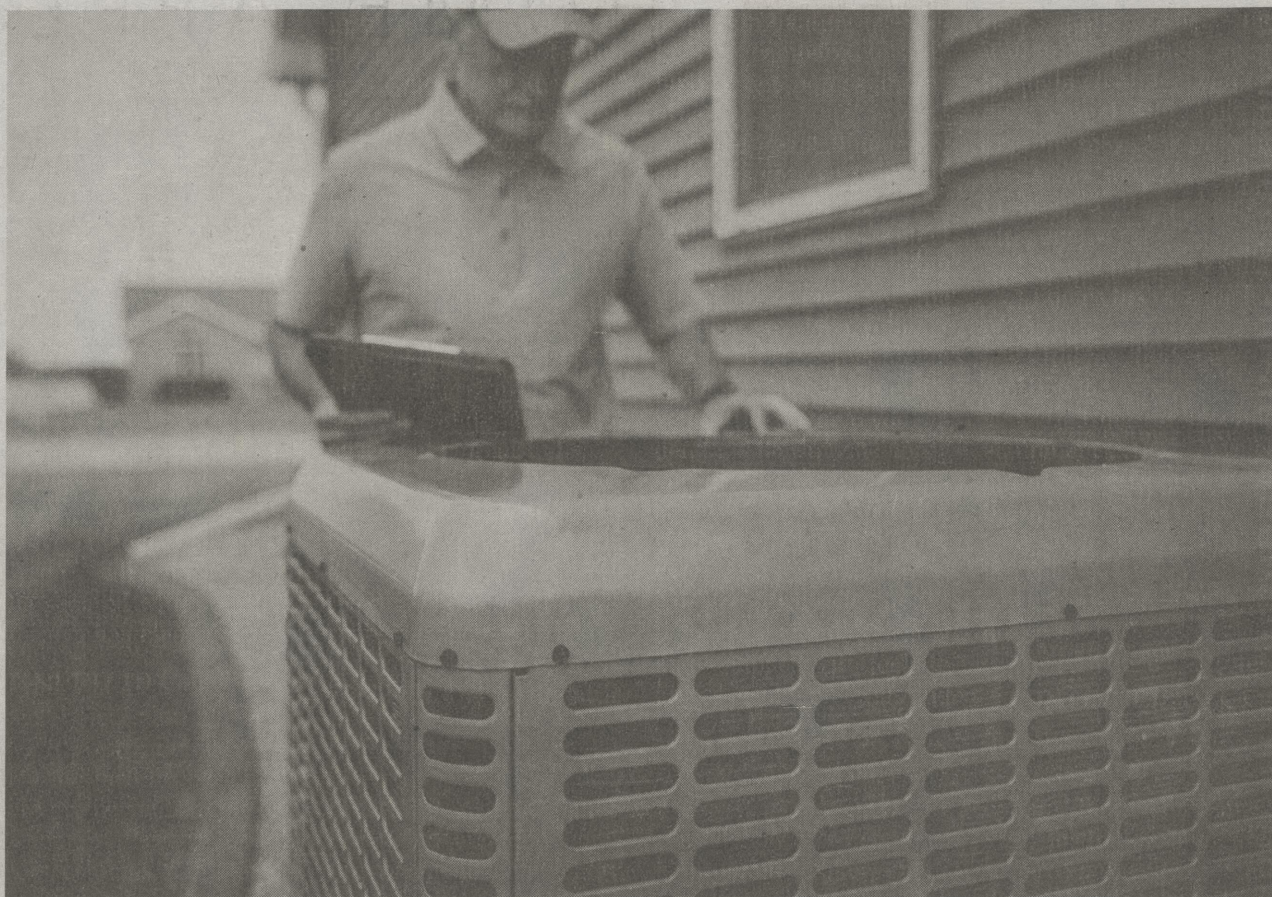
When you're ready to enhance your home's efficiency, here's what you need to know:

Energy-Efficient Home Improvement Credit: Beginning with products installed on Jan. 1, 2023, and extending through the end of 2032, energy tax credits have been expanded from previous programs with increased cost-saving values.

They now offer homeowners a rebate up to 30% of eligible expenses up to \$1,200 per year each year that the program is active. Homeowners considering an energy-efficient heat pump can save even more money with an additional rebate up to \$2,000 available. Eligible upgrades include:

- * Home energy audits
- * Heat pump HVAC or water heaters
- * Biomass stoves and boilers
- * High-efficiency gas furnaces
- * High-efficiency central air conditioning
- * ENERGY-STAR certified doors and windows
- * Insulation enhancements
- * Electric panel and wiring upgrades
- * Clean energy equipment installation

High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program: The High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act, or HEEHRA, is a 10-year program that provides homeowners with rebates up to 100% of the cost of eligible projects up to \$14,000. HEEHRA rebates are based on income and can help to fund home improvements such as switching to electric appliances, installing a heat



pump or updating your home's circuit panel. The value of each rebate varies by project and includes up to \$8,000 for eligible households to install heat pumps.

State and local rebate programs: In addition to federally funded programs, many state, local and utility rebates are

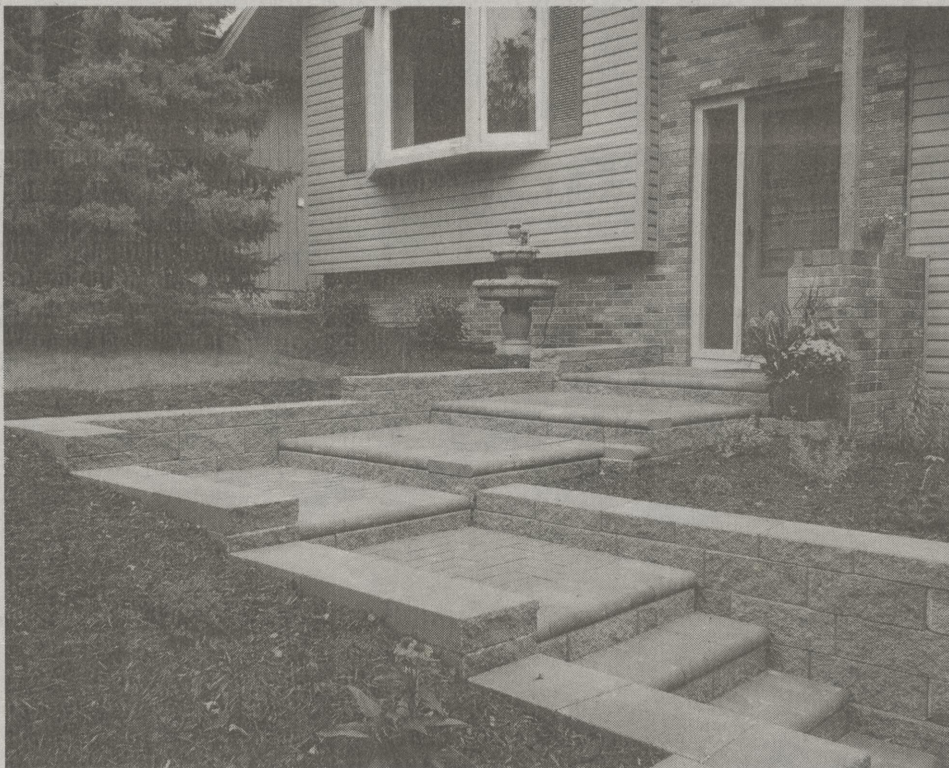
available to incentivize energy-efficient home improvements. These offers can vary so it's best to speak to a local expert such as your HVAC contractor, or use this zip code-based HVAC savings database at York.com/residential-equipment/rebates-and-savings as a point of reference.

Manufacturer rebates and financing options: When it comes to your home's efficiency, heating and cooling often account for the most energy consumption - and the highest utility bills. Because of this, upgrading the HVAC system can often provide the greatest payback.

Regardless of your

home comfort needs, manufacturers such as YORK have an extensive offering of energy-efficient systems, including electric heat pumps, that may be eligible for certain rebates. Plus, your contractor can discuss available financing options to help with the upfront equipment costs to maximize savings.

So, you want to build a retaining wall: 6 things to know before you start



(BPT) - When you want to enhance your outdoor living space, consider building with retaining wall units. Segmental retaining wall (SRW) units are the basic building blocks of landscaping, and you will save on design and labor costs when you do it yourself. Whether you want to level a slope, build a sitting wall or add a raised patio, it's essential to get informed before starting your project.

1. Check local rules. "Call 8-1-1 before you dig" is essential. Do-it-yourselfers also should check with their municipalities and homeowner's associations for building codes, permits and/or property variance rules. Some municipalities require permits for walls up to four feet tall, although engineering might not be needed for that height with most SRW systems. A retaining wall taller than four feet might require geogrid for soil reinforcement and an approved design by a professional engineer. A landscaping supply store will know local permitting and can identify plans that might require an engineer.
2. Consider where you will buy supplies. A landscaping supply store is a great place to get educated, purchase landscaping products and rent tools such as a compactor. A dedicated landscaping store can help you choose which wall system is best suited to your project, calculate the materials you will need and offer advice before, during and after installation.
- "Do-it-yourself customers are the foundation of who we serve at Patio Town stores," said David Johnson, who manages one of Patio Town's three locations in St. Paul/Minneapolis. "We have a team that will listen to what customers are thinking of doing, and then offer solutions and options. Should customers decide a project is more than they want to do, we can refer them to our design-build division, Villa Landscapes."

3. Learn about retaining wall systems. Some systems are easier to install, and some require specialty pieces for corners, curves and steps. The VERSA-LOK Standard retaining wall system is easy to install, and no special pieces are needed to build features. VERSA-LOK Standard is a solid unit that is renowned for ease of installation as there are no voids in the unit to fill. Splitting the unit allows you to create curves, corners, columns, multi-angled corners, freestanding walls and steps.
4. Mark off, measure and photograph the project area. In addition to giving details about your project to your landscaping supplier, you might need advice to determine soil conditions or stormwater requirements. For example, clay soil retains water so it may need amendment, or the wall might require drainage pipes based on soil and other factors. You can discuss the content of your soil with landscaping store staff, who can offer ideas on remediation if needed.
5. It is all about the base. The base is the most important course. Retaining wall manufacturers and landscape suppliers can offer product-specific details on how to excavate and prep the base. After excavating a trench for the base, the subsoil should be compacted before a few inches of gravel is added and compacted. Make sure the area is level before starting the base course, which should be embedded half of the block's height at a minimum. With solid units such as VERSA-LOK, there is no need for concrete footings as the base course serves as the foundation.
6. Finishing touches to consider. After each unit is placed and leveled, fill and compact the gravel placed behind the wall. Finish off your wall with capstone units that can be secured with adhesive; be sure your adhesive has elastic proper-

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For more information, visit www.synergyhomeappliance.com.

Planning home improvements in 2024? Start at the top

(BPT) - At first glance, the value of some home improvements can be hard to see - particularly when the improvements are in the attic. While a gleaming kitchen backsplash, an expansive patio deck or luxury spa bath are all pleasing to the eye, the value of other home improvements may best be appreciated through improved indoor comfort. Installed in the attic area, insulation and ductwork are two examples of often overlooked upgrades that can impact comfort as well as energy savings. Case in point: EPA estimates that homeowners can save up to 15% on heating and cooling costs (or an average of 11% on total energy costs) by air sealing their homes and adding insulation in attics, floors over crawl spaces, and accessible basement rim joists.

Installing adequate levels of attic insulation and repairing or replacing attic ductwork can help address the root cause of problems such as increased dust, hot/cold rooms or high energy bills. But as the attic

area is infrequently accessed, how do you know if a problem exists? Let's start with insulation. Simply confirming its presence in the attic is not enough. Following are some signs that your home's attic may need additional insulation:

- * Hot or cold ceilings, walls or rooms
- * Uneven temperatures in a home that cause HVAC systems to run more frequently
- * High heating or cooling bills compared to similarly sized homes in the area

A sufficient amount of attic insulation, typically measured in inches, is necessary to help protect against warm air moving into colder parts of the building envelope. A qualified HVAC technician should be able to evaluate your attic and help you understand how much energy you could conserve by insulating to a specified thickness. For example, contractors designated as AirCare® Professionals are trained by Owens Corning and equipped with tools to assess insulation levels and

explain how your home's attic insulation compares to recommended standards.

Leaks and poor connections in attic ductwork can also lead to problems in other parts of the home. According to ENERGY STAR about 20% of the air that moves through the duct system is lost due to leaks, holes and poorly connected ducts.

ENERGY STAR also notes that tightly sealed and well-insulated ducts found in qualified homes can reduce annual utility bills by \$120 or more.

Following are some indicators of a problem with a home's attic ductwork:

- * Spikes in energy bills
- * Rooms that are too hot or too cold
- * Rooms that have a musty odor
- * Heating or cooling equipment that cycles on/off more frequently as the system works harder to heat/cool spaces due to lost air
- * Increased levels of dust

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• Planning home improvements

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An AirCare® Professional is trained to evaluate the pressure of air running through your home's ductwork and may use special thermal technology tools that allow you to "see" where air is escaping. He or she also will evaluate the system for loose connections or areas where air may be leaking out of the system. Joints and connections will be evaluated to ensure the ductwork is properly sealed to keep conditioned air inside and help prevent particulates in the attic from entering ducts. To find an AirCare® Professional please visit the online locator at HVAC Contractor Locator | Insulation | Owens Corning.

Ready to get a start on your 2024 home improvements? Don't lose sight of opportunities in the attic to boost comfort and energy savings.

Savings may vary. Find out why at EnergyStar.gov.

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• Retaining wall

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6. Finishing touches to consider. After each unit is placed and leveled, fill and compact the gravel placed behind the wall. Finish off your wall with capstone units that can be secured with adhesive; be sure your adhesive has elastic properties as modular walls are flexible so they can withstand freeze-thaw cycles.

Another important point to consider is the weather! Bad weather can hinder your installation. With a little planning, know-how and a trusted landscaping store that shares advice throughout your project, you can build successfully with retaining wall units.

How to maintain a healthier home on a budget

(BPT) - Living healthily remains a primary concern for many today, with homeowners looking to make home improvements with an emphasis on the health benefits of living in an environmentally friendly space.

"When it comes to home improvement, eco-friendly choices can be budget-

friendly," said Bonnie Lee, Vice President of Property Claims at Mercury Insurance. "Healthy home choices, especially for large renovations, can bring your homeowner cost down and save you money on insurance too."

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"Once again Fish Window sent very knowledgeable and hard-working staff to my home to power wash the house, the shed, sidewalk in my garden, driveway, very large porch and all of my windows and skylights in this 124-year-old home. They were prompt, polite and very professional. I highly recommend their services." - Ayni (Google review)

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Paul Pierce and his son Nathan believe that clean

windows have a way of lifting people's spirits. Paul explains "Spring is here and as people go through their to-do lists, gutter cleaning, window cleaning and power washing should be right up there!"

With many people working from home and businesses back to normal, the appeal of a clean exterior is as important as ever for both residential and commercial customers.

In addition to the simple pleasure of looking out through clean glass, Money Magazine cited another benefit of having your windows professionally cleaned. Especially, if you are looking to sell your home! "According to real estate agents surveyed, the number one home improvement that generates the best return on investment is window cleaning." The magazine found that "the ROI on window cleaning alone was determined to be 768%." Additionally, Paul Pierce and his son Nathan believe that clean windows have a way of lifting people's spirits. Paul explains "there is something refreshing about being able to look through your windows with a clear

view as people spend more time indoors with their families."

Fish offers free estimates in a timely manner. Also, Fish Window Cleaning is fully insured to provide customers that extra level of confidence that they are dealing with a top notch professional service company. Paul goes on to say, "we take great pride in employing just the right people. Our guys are professional and take great pride in their work." Nathan goes on to add, "they respect your property and work in a diligent and safe manner."

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• Healthier home (From C4)

The journey to a healthier home begins by identifying areas needing regular maintenance and determining which environmentally friendly products can replace current ones. Here's a roundup of beneficial and feasible home enhancements:

Breathe easier with clean air

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) states that indoor air can be up to five times more polluted than outdoor air. The air filters in your home's heating and cooling equipment weed out contaminants like dust and pet dander; however, a dirty filter hampers their efficiency. Regularly cleaning or changing these filters, especially HEPA filters that cost as little as \$30, can ensure clean air.

A costless preventive measure is to maintain the proper functioning of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout your home. Fires and carbon monoxide poisoning are more likely during winter when homes are typically heated, making detector maintenance an important step.

Ensuring safe water

Water filters offer a health-centric and budget-conscious upgrade to homes. Filter pitchers start from as low as \$20, and there are more upscale alternatives available like under-sink, countertop or faucet-mounted systems.

Water leak detection devices present another home improvement avenue. These systems alert homeowners when a leak is detected and can automatically shut off the water system if a significant issue exists. Mercury Insurance offers a related dis-

count to eligible homes equipped with these devices.

Environmentally friendly and effective household supplies

Attentions have shifted due to concerns over the composition of traditional cleaning products, paints, flooring and construction materials. Many homeowners now prefer environmentally friendly alternatives. Look for biodegradable products based on renewable resources. When painting the walls of your home, look for volatile organic compounds (VOC)-free options or those that are Green Seal or GreenGuard certified.

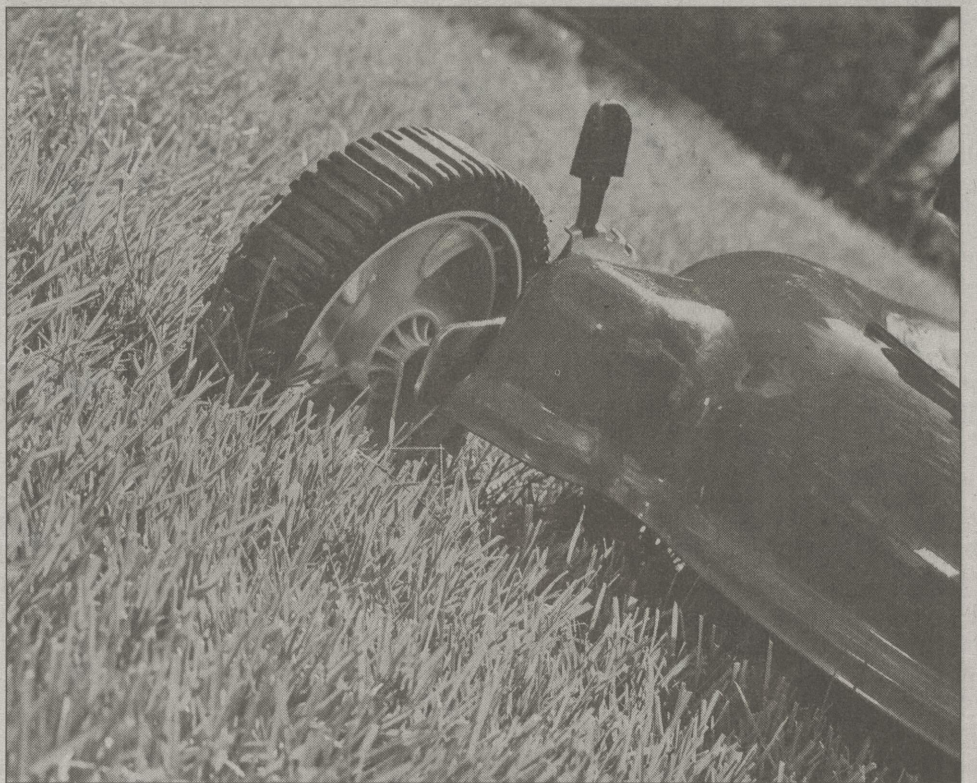
When it comes to appliances, aim for LEED-certified or STAR-rated products for lower energy usage and eligibility for an insurance discount for green homeowners. For flooring, consider alternatives like unfinished hardwood, stone or concrete, and carpets made from natural fibers. Look for non-toxic adhesives to further limit chemical exposure.

For building materials like drywall and insulation, opt for GreenGuard-certified products to avoid hazardous chemicals.

Adopting routine maintenance and home improvements can foster a healthier living environment and offer financial rewards. For instance, Mercury Insurance provides a 5% green home insurance discount to homeowners with a certification from either the U.S. Green Building Council LEED or the National Association of Home Builders Green Building Guidelines (NAHB).



Ready for your best lawn ever? 3 expert spring lawn care tips



(BPT) - Spring is just around the corner! As you make your list of spring cleaning chores, don't forget to add lawn care to the to-do list.

"The key to a healthy, robust lawn is preparation. Don't wait until the weather warms up! Early spring is a great time to revive and revitalize your lawn so you can enjoy it the rest of the year," says Matthew Koch, Ph.D., director of biotechnology, genetics, lawn fertilizer, and grass seed at The ScottsMiracle-Gro Company.

To help fellow lawn-owners, Dr. Koch and Scotts, a leader in lawn care, offer the following three expert lawn care tips to grow lush and healthy natural turfgrass throughout the season and beyond.

1. Feed and seed

After a long, sleepy winter, your lawn needs some help waking up. Dr. Koch recommends feeding your lawn, so it knows it's time to grow. Try a feed like Scotts Turf Builder Triple Action Built For Seeding. The formula prevents dandelion and crabgrass for up to 6 weeks without harming new grass, jumpstarts grass development, and feeds to protect against heat and drought.

Once your lawn is fed, it's time to seed! Look for small areas of grass that aren't growing and patch them with Scotts EZ Seed Patch & Repair Sun and Shade. The grass seed easily fills in bare spots on your lawn, even in tough conditions, including full sun, dense shade, high-traffic areas and on slopes. With a little TLC, your lawn will flourish in no time!

2. Prevent disease

As the spring months continue on, increased humidity and moisture create the perfect conditions for lawn disease to thrive. Look for brown or yellow patches, brown or black spots on the grass blades (leaf spots), white dust (powdery mildew) and red or pink webbing (red thread).

Even if you don't see signs of disease, Dr. Koch emphasizes the importance of taking steps to prevent disease before it takes hold, and mid to late spring is the ideal time to take preventative measures. Scotts Turf Builder Healthy Plus Lawn Food is the first ever 2-in-1 fungicide and fertilizer that uses broad-spectrum and systemic fungicides to help prevent and control 27 types of lawn diseases. Best of all, the fertilizer helps your lawn grow thicker and greener by strengthening each blade of grass down to the roots.

3. Mow high

As your lawn comes in, don't cut it too short. When the grass grows tall enough, begin mowing at the highest setting. Mowing high allows grass to grow strong roots and thick blades, providing shade that can prevent weed growth.

Early lawn care will set up your grass for success this spring and beyond. Follow these three simple tips, and your grass will flourish so you can enjoy the stunning landscape around your home ahead of summertime festivities.

4 ways smart home technology can simplify your life

(BPT) - Smart home devices - like speakers, lights, plugs, thermostats, and cameras - can help simplify your day-to-day life with added convenience, efficiency, and peace of mind. In fact, according to the 2023 Deloitte Connected consumer study, 77% of people who have embraced smart home devices believe that these technologies improve their overall quality of life.

Whether you're a tech enthusiast or just want to make your daily life a bit easier, here are four tips to help you get the most out of your smart home setup.

Get a smart home control panel

Optimize your smart home experience by investing in a central smart home control panel. Instead of using multiple apps and platforms, a control panel acts as a central command center for your home. Manage and control all your smart devices - including lights, thermostats, locks, cameras, blinds, and more - from a single device to streamline your daily routine and improve the functionality of your home.

An easy-to-use and affordable control panel is the new Amazon Echo Hub. The wall-mountable smart home panel is Alexa-enabled and designed so you can easily and intuitively manage all your smart devices from one display. Echo Hub is compatible with thousands of connected devices across all major smart home protocols. So, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Zigbee, Thread, and Matter devices sync seamlessly with the built-in smart home hub, allowing you to mix and match devices, regardless of the brand or manufacturer.

Set up Routines to automate your home

Set up Routines so your smart home devices can work harder for you. Personalized Routines allow you to group together multiple actions so you don't have to ask for each one individually - saving time and effort throughout the day. And, there are many ways to activate Routines - time of day, by asking Alexa, or simply by tapping your Echo Hub.

For example, you can create a Routine that turns off the lights, locks the doors, turns on your security system, and adjusts the thermostat when you say "Alexa, I'm leaving." Routines can also help your home use less energy. For example, you can set a Routine that automatically turns off the lights when no one is in a room, or adjusts the thermostat when no one is home.

Securely monitor and manage your home
Syncing security cameras, smart locks, and an alarm system to your smart home setup adds a layer of convenience and protection.

Smart cameras allow you to remotely monitor your home's interior and exterior, whether you're at work, running errands, or just at home. A control panel like Echo Hub makes it easy to view camera feeds quickly, and allows you to receive proactive notifications when someone is at your front door - without taking out your phone. And, if you forgot to lock the front door or turn on the security system before bed, you can simply ask Alexa or tap your Echo Hub to lock and secure your home.

Personalize your smart home to YOU

The beauty of a smart home is that it allows you to set up the devices, groups, actions, and Routines that work best for you, your lifestyle, and your space. Echo Hub not only displays your favorite smart home devices, but it also surfaces Alexa widgets - like your household calendar and reminders, lists, notes, recently played music or the weather - to help you stay on track. And, the display is customizable, so you can add, remove, or rearrange the content you see on your Home screen to align with your day-to-day life.

Make your smart home work for you, not the other way around. Using these four tips, you'll be well on your way to a more personalized and simplified home experience. To learn more about Echo Hub, visit [Amazon.com/echohub](https://www.amazon.com/echohub).

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How to make spring cleaning your kitchen and bathroom easier

(BPT) - The sun is shining, and the weather is warming up, so you know what that means: it's spring cleaning season! When it's time to deep clean your kitchen and bathroom, you probably wish there were ways to make the job quicker and easier.

To help you maintain that sense of accomplishment that comes with a sparkling clean home, Delta Faucet has thoughtful kitchen and bathroom products that can

help you maintain your hard work this spring (and beyond!).

Make kitchen cleanup easier

The kitchen is the heart of your home, so it's important to keep it looking and feeling clean. However, heavy usage throughout the day makes this especially challenging. When spring cleaning, start at the top of the room, wiping down kitchen cabinets first, then cleaning the



counters, sink and stovetop, saving the floors for last.

After you've done a thorough cleaning, try to establish the habit of wiping spills between food prep tasks and right after cooking; this helps prevent caked-on food that becomes harder to remove. Keep a damp cloth handy to make this easier.

Ensure that everything you need for cleaning is in an easily accessible place. An under-sink bin can hold essential kitchen cleaning products, but make sure they're meant for kitchen use only. Avoid making this a catch-all for other items, to make it easier for anyone to find kitchen cleanup tools. Stay away from abrasive products or "all-purpose bathroom cleaners," as they can damage some kitchen or bathroom finishes.

Upgrading your faucet improves the look and cleanliness of your kitchen

One of the most common kitchen pain points is keeping your faucet looking clean and free from streaky fingerprints, debris and water spots. Thankfully, you can prevent buildup and keep grimy hands off with the new Trinsic® Touch20® Kitchen Faucet with Touchless™ Technology from Delta®. This technology eliminates the need for daily interactions that make your kitchen faucet look dirty and you get to choose a function that is easiest for your family. Like using the back of your hand to gently touch anywhere on the faucet to start and stop the water? No problem, Touch20® Technology has your back. Want to avoid using hands altogether? With Delta's Touch20® with Touchless™ Technology, just place your hands anywhere near the faucet to turn it on or off, helping you cut down on cleaning time.

To prevent mineral buildup and hard water stains on your faucets, Delta® also offers Lumicoat® finishes on select collections, which repels liquids, resists water spots and keeps your accessories looking cleaner longer. Simply wipe it clean with a soft cloth: no cleaners or chemicals necessary.

Battling bathroom cleanup

Keeping bathrooms clean can seem like an endless challenge. Again, having all your cleaning supplies close at hand in an easy-to-carry caddy or bin is essential to making this task easier. Start with the dirtiest jobs first - including the toilet - and make sure brushes or sponges you use for that job are kept separate from supplies for your tub and sink.

To tackle hard water stains and soap scum, a 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water is extremely effective. You can use this combination in a spray bottle to easily clean surfaces like shower glass. Spray the affected area and let it sit 20 minutes before wiping gently and rinsing.

Bathroom upgrades to boost cleaning efforts

To help maintain cleaner shower surfaces and keep bathtub grime at bay, try the Delta® ProClean™ 6-Setting Hand Shower. This hand shower cleans shower surfaces at least two times faster than standard sprays, powering off soap scum and shower messes. Perfect for an easy DIY upgrade, the ProClean™ Hand Shower makes it easier to keep shower and tile clean and reduce soap scum buildup with regular use. Its focused, wide fan spray lets you easily clean hard-to-reach places, even without stepping foot in the shower. While other products gather unsightly mineral buildup over time, the soft rubber Touch-Clean® spray holes allow mineral residue to be simply wiped away for an instantly refreshed look.

Between constant handwashing, toothbrushing and other grooming tasks, it can seem impossible to keep your bathroom sink and faucet neat and clean. One way to combat this challenge is with the Delta® Stryke® Single Handle Pull-Down Bathroom Faucet, which makes quick work of cleaning toothpaste, dirt and small debris from your sink with its nimble pull-down spray wand.

With these tips and updated kitchen and bathroom fixtures, you'll be able to keep these essential spaces in your home in great shape this spring, and all year round.



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Color tips to make your exterior pop

(StatePoint) Home exteriors make a first impression, setting the tone for neighbors, guests, and if a property is on the market - prospective home buyers. So how do you boost your curb appeal and make your exterior pop? According to those in the know, a lot of it has to do with color.

"Choosing deep, bold colors for your door or siding can provide eye-catching focal points and dramatically increase curb appeal," says Jon Lapp, vinyl siding product manager at ProVia.

To help you make selections that work best for your home and vision, ProVia is offering the following insights:

Siding

Color and texture play significant roles in the overall look and style of a home, so consider pairing your vinyl siding with other materials, such as manufactured stone, decorative shake, or board and batten. Whether you go for soft earth tones or deep hues of primary colors, color retention technologies will maintain the look through the years. To that

end, here are a few qualities to look for in your siding:

- **UV protection:** Think of it as sunscreen for your house. This layer of protection helps shield your siding from the destructive effects of the sun's UV rays.

- **Weather barrier shield:** Anti-weathering materials on the siding's surface can help ensure long-lasting color fidelity and low-maintenance freedom for your home's exterior.

- **Heat resistance:** Heat-resistant inorganic pigments ensure exacting deep colors, reflect heat from exterior walls, and deflect solar rays to reduce solar heat build-up and unsightly weathering.

- **Anti-fade protection:** A strong molecular chain, found in super polymer vinyl siding, is engineered for superior color retention.

"At first, it might be difficult to tell the difference between a good vinyl siding panel and an outstanding one. But over time, the true strength and quality of each panel will be revealed," says Lapp.

It's for this reason that

ProVia's entire lineup of super polymer vinyl siding is formulated with Tri-Pigment Reflective Technology, Color Keeper Anti-Fade Protection, Weather Barrier Shield and SPX-2000 UV Blocker. These components work together to combat fade and increase weather resistance.

The Entry Door

The entry door is an amazing place to make a color statement. However, if you buy an exterior replacement door and try to finish it yourself, achieving the flawless finish you're hoping for is easier said than done. Then there's the trim, and possibly sidelights and a transom that also need to be painted to match or coordinate with the door color.

From classic hues, such as rustic bronze or forest green, to trending colors like avocado or burnt orange, you can ensure a consistent, beautiful and lasting finish by having your manufacturer paint the door before it leaves the factory floor. Bonus: the color will also be under warranty. Look for a man-



ufacturer that crafts custom doors, allowing you to choose different interior and exterior colors and other specifications tailored to your taste.

To get inspired for your

home exterior project, visit provia.com. In addition to photo galleries of finished projects, the site's home designer tools allow you to visualize how various elements will look on your

home.

By selecting professional-quality exterior products, you can ensure long-lasting durability and a big boost in curb appeal.

7 Reasons to upgrade to Electric and Induction Cooking appliances

(StatePoint) Cooking with gas? Industry experts say there are many reasons to consider retiring your gas-powered appliances.

To help you understand what your kitchen may be missing, Melissa Haber, the vice president of EuroChef USA, the exclusive importer of the Verona and Lofra brands of residential cooking appliances, offers seven reasons why your next home upgrade should include making the swap to electric or induction cooking.

1. You're health- and eco-conscious. Gas appliances at home are associated with an increased risk of asthma and other illnesses, particularly in children, as they emit harmful air pollutants like nitrogen dioxide and methane, even when they're not in use. The same pollutants are also harmful to the environment, contributing to air

quality issues and climate change. In fact, national annual emissions from gas cooktops are equivalent to the emissions transmitted from half a million cars.

2. They're easy to maintain. Compared to the metal grates of a conventional gas stove, the flat surface of an electric or induction cooktop is nearly effortless to clean. A damp dish rag and soap works for most cleanup sessions. For more involved messes, a little vinegar goes a long way.

3. They offer safety benefits. With no open flame, electric appliances lower the risk of burns or fires, particularly those with safety features such as "power on" lights and residual heat warnings that inform users when the surface is still hot. Induction cooking also has safety benefits, since only the cooking vessel is directly heated and the surface of the cooktop itself does not retain or give off

heat.

4. You value precision. Induction cooking is faster and more efficient than cooking with gas. The high-end induction ranges offered by the Italian brand Lofra, which combine elegant design with modern cooking features, are a good example of how accurate temperature control allows you to prepare meals like a professional in the comfort of home.

5. Making changes can be feasible. Installing a gas hookup can be costly, time-consuming and involve inspections. The installation process for electric appliances on the other hand is easier and less expensive. Not able to replace your gas appliances with electric? Investing in a range hood is a sensible solution that can cut your appliance's air pollution by about half.

6. You'll be ahead of the curve. A growing number of cities and municipalities are banning new gas



hookups for appliances to reduce air pollution and help fight climate change. Making the switch to electric or induction can help you get ahead of the regulatory curve.

7. New options are being introduced. With sales of electric appliances on the rise, a few select manufacturers have taken note, and to meet customer demand, have recently introduced additional options offering style and sought-after features. For example, the

Italian brand Verona offers electric ranges in its Prestige and Designer Collections that deliver an upgraded look, with single and double oven options to suit varying needs and tastes. All are equipped with five burners that accommodate pots of any size, and a multi-tasking dual element that ranges from simmer to boil with the simple turn of a knob.

"As more consumers have come to realize the value and advantages of electric and induction

cooking, it became important to us to offer them the same versatility and style they might expect with traditional gas-powered cooking appliances," says Haber.

Whether you want to prioritize your family's health and safety, or you simply want to embrace the convenience of modern cooking technology, electric and induction appliances can be a game changer in your kitchen.

Common weatherization myths - debunked!

(StatePoint) If you haven't yet weatherized your home this season, you're not alone.

A new survey from Duck brand found that 80% of people that weatherize their homes notice a decrease in their energy bills - yet many homeowners and renters alike still aren't taking advantage of these easy DIY solutions to create a more comfortable and energy efficient home. Why? Some common myths about weatherization may be to blame. Read on for the truth about the home weatherization process.

Myth #1: You need to hire a professional to properly weatherize your home. Weatherizing projects can be tackled over a weekend with a few do-it-yourself solutions. From

rolled window insulation kits to weatherstrip seals, many home weatherization products are easy to install and remove, often requiring only basic tools, like scissors and measuring tape, or sometimes needing no tools at all.

Myth #2: Weatherizing only helps in cold weather climates. While insulation kits help block cold drafts in the winter, they also can maintain a comfortable room temperature in warm environments by keeping cool air from escaping. Products like Duck brand Heavy-Duty Weatherstrip Seals and the brand's Double Draft Seal for under the door also are designed to provide year-round protection from wind, dust, insects and pollen, providing added benefits during the

warmer months.

Myth #3: It's expensive to draft-proof your home. In reality, many weatherization products retail for under \$50. Considering that 76% of people have experienced an increase in their energy bill in the past five years, it's definitely economical to weatherize. One great solution is the Duck brand Max Strength Rolled Window Insulation Kit, which helps block drafts to lower heating and cooling costs.

Myth #4: Only old homes require weatherization. Weatherizing can make even newer, more energy-efficient homes more comfortable and less costly to heat and cool, while also protecting homes from the damaging effects of the elements throughout the year. For



example, faucet covers are essential to help prevent freezing pipes in cold climates, while air conditioner covers can guard units from damaging rain, snow and dirt.

Myth #5: Weatherizing is only for windows and doors. Windows and doors

are the two most common sources for drafts, but other large openings, like the attic and garage, and even small ones, like electric sockets, are rarely insulated and can lead to air leaks. Luckily, there are a variety of products available to create an airtight

seal in these areas.

Understanding the short-term and long-term benefits of weatherizing can make all the difference in staying cozy and comfortable, saving money and increasing the longevity of your home, no matter where you live.

7 Tips for Spring Yard Prep

(BPT) - After winter's last gasp, spring is just around the corner. That means it's time to get out into the yard and tackle some spring cleaning. With a little DIY prep work now, your yard will be your family's oasis for months to come.

Here are seven spring cleanup tasks from ECHO Inc. to put on your to-do list, along with the right tools to get the job done.

Clean up debris. Gather up any stray branches, twigs and trash that have blown into your yard. Tool tip: Keep two bags handy, one that you regularly use for garbage and a bag specifically designed for yard waste. Garbage services in many cities have specific windows of time in which they'll pick up yard waste in the spring, so check with yours and make sure you get your debris to the curb on time!

Rake the lawn. Didn't get to those leaves before the first snowfall? Now's the time to rake them up. This will let sunlight and air reach your grass, sparking it to grow. Tool tip: They go in that same yard waste bag you're using for debris.

Do you need to aerate? Take a hard look at your lawn. Is the soil too compacted? Do you have bare patches? It could mean you need to aerate the soil. Tool tip: You can

do this job yourself by renting an aerator from your local hardware store. Or, bring in a lawn service to do it for you. This is also the time to apply fertilizer if your yard needs it.

Deal with downed trees or branches. After this unpredictable winter, many people are faced with downed trees or large branches in their yards. Cutting them up and disposing of them now will save lawn headaches later. Tool tip: This is a job for a chainsaw. The battery-powered ECHO eFORCE DCS-5000 chainsaw is quiet, easy to use and you don't have to mess with gas and oil. Or a power cord. You'll get 200 cuts on a single charge delivering professional-grade power via the ECHO eFORCE 56V battery system.

Trim up shrubs. Since you've got that ECHO chainsaw powered up, take a look at your shrubs. Did you find any dead or diseased branches? Zip them off. Now is also a good time to shape your bushes and plants, cutting away any stray branches for a clean look.

Prune your trees. If you have low-hanging or dead branches, the time to clean those up is early spring, before the leaves start budding out. Tool tip: An extendable pruner is the safest tool for this job. It al-



lows you to prune branches without climbing onto a ladder. Read more about it in this article from Almanac. One important rule to remember when doing this task: Stay away from branches that are anywhere near a power line. That is a job for the pros, period.

Tend your garden. Whether you have an in-ground garden or containers, remove any dead plants and other debris like sticks from those beds. Also, cut your perennials back to just a few inches off the

ground. This will facilitate new growth. Tool tip: Turn over or till your soil with a simple hoe if your garden is small. For bigger plots, you'll want to use a tiller.

With these tips and the right tools, you can spruce up your yard, making it ready for your family to enjoy until the snow falls again. For more information about how to use ECHO's line of outdoor power tools, visit their website at www.echo-usa.com.

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Simple spring safety tips

(BPT) - Refreshing your home in the spring is about more than organizing closets and cleaning floors. As winter melts away and warmer weather returns, proactively checking your home's systems will help keep it running efficiently while remaining a comfortable and safe space for you and your loved ones.

Upgrade fire and CO safety solutions.

While you're ticking through your list of spring maintenance to-do's, don't forget about the smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Proper smoke and CO alarm placement, regular maintenance and alarm replacement are essential to keeping your family safe. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends that alarms be installed on every level of the home, including the basement, as well as in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Alarms should be tested regularly, and if the device is battery-powered, batteries should be changed at least every six months.

To make maintaining your smoke and CO alarms easier, upgrade to a 2-in-1 smoke and carbon monoxide alarm, such as the First Alert 10-Year Battery Combination Alarm. This 10-year sealed battery alarm eliminates battery replacement and late-night battery chirps for a decade. Easy to install, 10-year alarms come equipped with a mounting bracket and installation kit - making safety simple for you and your family.

Check for winter wear and tear.

Winter's extreme temperatures can take a toll on the outside of your home and its appliances. Examine the outside of your house and roof to check for fallen branches or debris that could block gutters or downspouts and cause a drainage problem. Inspect the driveway and sidewalks for new potholes or cracks that may have developed in the cold, and ensure all exterior lights are working properly.

Tune-up your cooling system.

When the weather gets milder, schedule a professional maintenance service to ensure that your heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems are operating optimally and won't quit after the first heat wave. If you don't already have one, upgrade to a smart thermostat, like a Honeywell Home Smart Thermostat, which allows you to adjust your temperature from anywhere and set different temperature schedules for various times of the day. ENERGY STAR certified thermostats can provide comfort when you're home, and energy savings when away.

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